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KEEGAN
AT
HOME**

*Everton defender Billy Wright
brings the ball away from Gerry
Daly of Derby County.*

PREVIEWS



F.A. Cup Fifth Round

THERE was a suggestion after the draw for the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup had been made that the little blue bag into which the balls were deposited, had had a secret pocket inserted, and that all the First Division clubs' balls were dropped into one half, and the rest into the other.

Certainly the way the draw came out suggests that someone went to great lengths to keep the First Division clubs away from one another.

The fact that there is only one all-First Division tie is all the more noticeable because the previous rounds had locked together teams like Leeds and Forest, then Forest and Liverpool, Bristol City first with Derby and then Ipswich, Tottenham with Manchester United, Wolves with Norwich, and Arsenal with Brighton.

But what it does mean is that there's every likelihood of the Sixth Round producing some really titanic tussles with only the fittest surviving.

The big names seem certain to

Blackburn v A Villa
Bolton v Arsenal
Everton v Wrexham
Ipswich v Chester
Liverpool v Bury
Tottenham v Birmingham
West Ham v Swansea
Wolves v Watford

It's appropriate that as the Ewood Park club enjoys the limelight for the first time in a long while, their near-neighbours, Bolton and Bury, should be there to share the limelight.

In an otherwise dismal season Bolton have forgotten their worries on Cup days, first going to Sunderland to surprise a side that thought it was going to be easy, and then beating of the challenge



Crawford hoping for more crackers

all come together on March 8, the giantkillers will have had their day, and we'll be getting down to the true nitty-gritty of who is best suited to win the day at Wembley.

As one F.A. official commented after the draw: "That's the way it should be. We've had the romance thanks to Yeovil and Harlow, now it's time for the big guns to shoot it out amongst each other."

That may be true, but it does seem a shame that the First Division appears to have luck on its side in the next round when a really Herculean effort is required from the smaller clubs to keep alive interest in the lower regions of the League.

Perhaps Blackburn Rovers have the best chance, but then a club which has actually won our premier trophy on no fewer than six occasions would take great effrontery at being called small.

To be fair, of course, the 20 years since Rovers last appeared at Wembley, have induced a calamitous slide, which is why Rovers find themselves mounting their challenge from halfway down the Third Division.

There are signs though that Howard Kendall, himself a Wembley record-breaker as the youngest player every to appear in a Final, is nursing the patient back to health, and with Andy Crawford making Derby rue the day they sold him for £50,000, by scoring in every round, and Duncan McKenzie still likely to conjure up a trick or two, Rovers will stretch in-form Aston Villa to the limit.

Gerry Armstrong (white shirt) shoots the first of this two goals in a dramatic Fourth Round replay against Swindon.

of Halifax, who had already slain Manchester City from just up the road.

How sad that Bolton should choose, only minutes before this draw was made, to announce the sacking of their manager Ian Greaves.

There will be heartfelt sympathy throughout the League for a man who has brought success to two clubs, Huddersfield and Bolton, and then found himself no longer wanted when the going was rough.

Towards the end of last season he leapt from his dug-out position in ecstatic delight as Worthington and Gowing ripped Arsenal apart in a League game that Bolton won 4-2.

How he would have loved to see a similar result in the Fifth Round of the Cup — who knows that might just have been enough to save his skin. Not now, though,

and Arsenal will go to Burnden Park confident that they can grace Wembley for the third time in successive years.

As for Bury, well if they had to go out of the competition I suppose they'll say they might as well make an exit at Liverpool — and earn a pretty penny or two for their troubles.

One can't honestly see any other result. It really would be a 'Shaker' if Liverpool failed to overcome a side that let eight in against Swindon Town recently.

Dave Connor, the former Manchester City defender, has introduced a more disciplined approach at Gigg Lane in the past few weeks, but if the likes of Forest, Arsenal and the rest of the First Division can't win at Anfield in two years, one can hardly see Bury showing them the way.

That particular part of the North-West is hogging the Cup to all

intents and purposes. In a Merseyside double, Everton will be entertaining Wrexham, and there must be a fair chance of a repeat of the Liverpool-Everton Semi-Final of 1977.

Without breaking any pots in the First Division Everton have been blessed with all the fortune so far in the Cup — three home draws against opponents from lower Divisions — what more can they ask? Aldershot and Wigan couldn't cause them any problems, but Wrexham will be more of a handful, with Dai Davies and Terry Darracott, in particular, relishing the prospect of licking The Toffees, to say nothing of Joey Jones who didn't have much time for Everton when he was a Liverpool player.

And not more than a bus ride away in Chester they'll be eagerly awaiting news of the match in East Anglia, that is if the town isn't deserted when Ipswich play at home to The Seals.

Under Alan Oakes, the Sealand Road club has progressed very nicely, and after that victory at Newcastle in the Third Round, they disposed of Millwall without too much fuss as well as going along quite well in the bread-and-butter League fare.

Ipswich, like Everton, have to be considered as a potential Cup Final side, because they haven't any real League distractions, and even more than Everton because they've hit top form at the moment.

Barring a miracle they won't win the League, they certainly won't go down. Although European interest remains, given this sort of luck in the draw Ipswich could be going all the way.

Mind you, for the last round we did tell you to watch out for Bir-



and Scottish Cup Fourth Round



Blackburn striker Andy Crawford turns in triumph after scoring the goal which beat Fulham in the Third Round. Now they face in-form Aston Villa.

Blackburn City, and we're not changing our tune. Successive Cup victories over First Division opposition in Southampton and Middlesbrough, proves our point perfectly.

With Frank Worthington, Archie Gemmill, Colin Todd and Willie Johnston in your side anything is possible. They love performing on a big stage, the bigger the better, and although they have to leave their own theatre at St Andrews this time, don't write them off against inconsistent Tottenham.

Having squeaked home against Harlow — and make no mistake Graham Taylor's after-match smile was born of relief more than happiness — Watford would have been happy not to travel to First Division opponents.

Unknown

But they have, and in some ways they'll feel less pressure from this trip than their Vicarage Road date with the unknown.

Don't forget that before Harlow, The Hornets had gone to Queens Park Rangers and won, so they won't be without hope this time either. Martin Patching might just have a point to prove to Wolves, and after his two goals in the last round he's got the taste.

The only tie without a First Division presence is West Ham v. Swansea. The Hammers will be the happiest. Home advantage could be crucial, and the winners may well be the only team from outside the First Division in the last eight.

Unlike the other ties at least there's a form guide-line for this one, The Hammers having beaten The Swans 2-0 in the League with goals from Trevor Brooking and David Cross.

It was inevitable that at least two Premier Division clubs would falter at the last stage of the Scottish Cup when the draw paired Dundee United with Dundee and Kilmarnock with Partick Thistle.

United and Thistle managed to battle through to the Fourth Round in astonishing circumstances, but at least two more of Scotland's Top Ten will be collecting their exit cards.

League Cup holders Dundee United travel to meet Scottish Cup holders Rangers at Ibrox, and across Glasgow at Parkhead there will be another titanic struggle when Celtic, favourites to lift the trophy, take on St. Mirren, who have improved immensely.

These will undoubtedly be the games of the day in Scotland and the Ibrox tie is certain to sizzle from start to finish. United got through to this stage after a remarkable derby match against their greatest rivals Dundee.

The history books will show that United overwhelmed Tommy Gemmill's side 5-1 with Willie Pettigrew rattling in four splendid goals, but it will not illustrate that Dundee had Sturt MacLaren and Eric Sinclair ordered off, another three booked and a goal chalked off in controversial circumstances.

Struggling

While United were battling their way through that particular soccer minefield, Rangers were toiling against struggling part-time First Division outfit Clyde at Ibrox in their replay, after being held to a 2-2 draw at Shawfield the previous Saturday.

It took 70 minutes before Rangers broke through the Clyde barrier thanks to two superbly-taken goals from young John MacDonald.

Now Rangers and United face the shoot-out at Ibrox on Saturday and it is not easy to separate these two teams. United have never done particularly well in Glasgow against either Rangers or Celtic, but their confidence is sky high at the moment and if Pettigrew can



Rangers v Dundee Utd
Morton v Dunfermline
Hibs v Ayr Utd
Hearts v Clydebank or Stirling Albion
Keith v Berwick Rangers
Queen of the South v Partick Thistle
Celtic v St Mirren
Aberdeen v Airdrie

green-and-white!

"That will mean nothing on Saturday, of course. We have nothing to be afraid of and we will be having a right go. We might be the underdogs, but that will not worry us. We know what we can do."

Celtic got a sample of St. Mirren's progress this season in their last League match at Love Street where they went down 2-1 and MacDougall and his striking partner Doug Somner created havoc in the Parkhead defence.

Celtic will have to fight for the entire 90 minutes in this match, but when the referee blows the final whistle they should have done enough to secure a place in the next round.

Elsewhere there are other intriguing ties. For instance, Aberdeen, who walloped Arbroath 5-0 in the last round when Ian

Cup-holders clash

repeat his form of the previous round, then Rangers could be in for a busy afternoon.

Meanwhile, Celtic will be eager to show top form against St. Mirren after their unimpressive 2-1 scoreline against Raith Rovers in the previous round.

St. Mirren go to Parkhead with goalkeeper Billy Thomson in sparkling form at the moment, and another player who will be looking forward to the clash is striker Frank MacDougall.

"I was Celtic daft when I was a kid," says Frank. "I used to go along to Parkhead with my brothers and friends to cheer them on. Kenny Dalglish was one of my favourites. I dreamt of playing alongside him in the

Scanlon netted a hat-trick in their replay, take on Airdrie at Pittodrie. That could be a tight encounter although The Dons should get through.

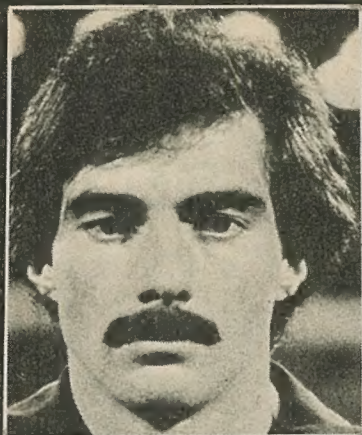
Hibs are at home to Ayr United, and that, too, will undoubtedly be close. Hibs toiled in the last round to beat little Meadowbank Thistle 1-0 and afterwards George Best said: "I would prefer to take on the Old Firm in Glasgow rather than go through that again!"

Best has set his sights on a Scottish Cup medal to add to his other honours, and he knows it will take a vastly superior performance from his team-mates than the one they turned in against Meadowbank if they are going to overwhelm Ayr United.

Partick Thistle travel to Queen of the South, who knocked out Ally MacLeod's Motherwell, and that will be another closely-fought and entertaining game.

St. Mirren's John Young (number two) heads clear against Celtic in a League game at Love Street. Now they meet again in the Scottish Cup.





Miller set to leave Dons

ABERDEEN'S international captain Willie Miller will almost certainly kick-off next season in England.

That simple statement will undoubtedly make unhappy reading for the Pittodrie faithful, but it is quite obvious that Miller, the man who took over from Martin Buchan in the sweeper's role at Aberdeen, is determined to follow in the footsteps of his former team-mate and take his defensive talents to England.

Bristol City have been linked with Miller almost since the start of the season, but it seems the £400,000 fee that is likely to be demanded by Dons boss Alex Ferguson is the big stumbling block.

The Ashton Gate club want Miller to join their Scots colony that consists of players such as John Shaw, Gerry Gow, Gerry Sweeney, Tom Ritchie, Donnie Gillies and Tony Fitzpatrick, but apparently they don't have the ready cash and Aberdeen have no intention of taking a deposit on their star back-four man and accepting the balance in repayments over the next two or three years.

You can't blame Aberdeen for taking this stand. After all, the transfer market has gone crazy in recent seasons and Miller could be worth a lot more than today's asking price of £400,000 by the time 1983 comes around.

Coventry City, worried by their defensive record, have also watched Miller in action. Highfield Road manager Gordon Milne was reported to have been most impressed with the player in a pre-season friendly at Pittodrie when Aberdeen walloped Coventry 4-1.

Aberdeen are in no rush to part with Miller and are in the happy position of not requiring an injection of English cash at the moment. They are fairly well-off, and can even think about lashing

out £500,000 on ground improvements on their already impressive Pittodrie stadium, still the only all-seater ground in Britain.

"Of course it will be a wrench to leave Aberdeen," admits Miller. "But I must look to the future. A fresh challenge would do me the world of good."

"I want to become a regular international player and I think I would boost my chances of achieving this if I was playing for an English club."

Aberdeen offered Miller a lucrative new contract which would have made him one of the best paid players in Scotland, but he is determined to hold out for a move.

His contract expires at the end of the current season and Aberdeen now see no option but to sell their precious defensive anchor man to the highest bidder. Otherwise they might find themselves being forced to take a 'cut' if Miller moves under the protection of Freedom of Contract.

Fame and Fortune

It's an unhappy position for Aberdeen, who have watched players such as Joe Harper, Jimmy Smith, Tommy Craig, Zoltan Varga, Willie Young, Stevie Murray and Buchan, among others, leave for fame and fortune with other clubs.

Pittodrie boss Alex Ferguson must be applauded for the efforts he has made to keep Miller with Aberdeen.

"I want to build a team here," he says. "Keep my best players and Aberdeen to be successful. I want players to make their name at Pittodrie."

However, even the persuasive Fergie has finally had to accept that Miller will be moving on in the near future and at £400,000 he must be considered a great buy.

**KEEP UP WITH
SHILTON**



Willie Miller could be on the move to England.

Managers stronger now

I STILL feel I have got too long left in the game to be thinking about what I'll do when the time comes to hang up my goalkeeper's jersey for the last time.

Inevitably, you think about the possibility of staying in the game as a manager but I don't go along with those people who see the switch from playing to managing as a natural transition.

I've got an open mind about whether I'll have a crack at man-

agement. It depends on my circumstances and feelings at the time I finish playing but I firmly believe it's no use going into the job unless you are really keen to do it.

Too many players treat coaching and management as an accepted extension to their careers, but I think you have to ask questions

about your motives before entering such a difficult job.

Mind you, I think managers are in a much stronger position than they were a few years ago, when it seemed the fashionable thing to sack them at the slightest hint of trouble or danger.

But these days any club parting company with their manager is seemingly frowned upon as having done something wrong.

When the manager goes it's anyone's guess what will happen, depending on the circumstances and personalities involved.

In some ways a new man can give a club a proverbial shot in the arm but in other cases, new ideas and attitudes might just be the last thing anyone needs.

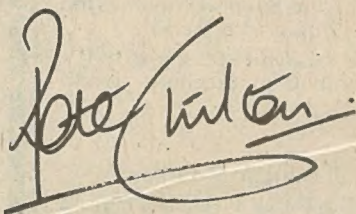
I remember during my Stoke days when Tony Waddington resigned, leaving George Eastham to take over. We were just out of the relegation area at the time but only surviving because we were playing to our strengths — which

meant defending and getting the odd safety point here and there.

Probably for all the best reasons George decided we should open things up and put more emphasis on scoring goals. Ideas have to be commended, yet they were not right for Stoke and we went down to the Second Division.

I've known other managerial changes in my career, when Matt Gillies and Frank O'Farrell left Leicester for Nottingham Forest and Manchester United respectively, and there is no doubt it can lead to an upheaval.

Players can be affected but I like to think that I am the sort who would not allow it to influence my game. The way I view it, I've got a job to do and will get on and do it to the best of my ability.



Charlie's so gifted



I ALWAYS knew Charlie George had special talent, but when you are training and playing with him it's still something of an eye-opener.

I'll give you a little example. The other week we were playing a five-a-side in the gym, which is a rare treat for us because we are sent out to train in all weathers, when Charlie produced something special.

One minute he had his foot on the ball, a split second later he had toe-poked it through someone's legs so quickly you could hardly see it.

What staggers me also is that when he is taking a shot at goal he doesn't need back lift. During our Super Cup game with Barcelona at the City Ground, I was following play and when Charlie picked the

ball up about 25 yards out I was waiting to see where he would lay it.

Suddenly, without giving the slightest indication of what he was about to do, he whipped a shot just past the post. I could hardly believe the speed with which he did it. It's not that he deliberately set out to disguise what he was doing but he has so much talent, the end product is the same.

There is no doubt that over the last few years he has been one of the most gifted players around and I would be delighted to see him contribute to a team's success over the remainder of his career.

A lot of things have been said about Charlie. They say he's arrogant and ultra-confident but if he can channel those qualities in the right way, the unique talent he possesses can still lead to a lot of entertainment and success.

Johnson's more mature

I WAS very pleased to see David Johnson called into the England team for the international against the Republic of Ireland. It's another milestone in his comeback to top class football.

He won three England caps before as an Ipswich player but he always appeared to lack a little confidence in his own ability.

It was probably the case when he first went to Anfield but

through his own perseverance — and no doubt with the help of the Liverpool coaching staff — he has re-emerged.

He has certainly been one of the strikers who have impressed me most this season. In our games against Liverpool, David has looked pacy, skilful and above all has appeared relaxed and adopted the right attitude.

I was particularly impressed by the way he reacted to certain situations against us. When, for example, he shot against a post in our F.A. Cup tie he didn't let it affect him as it might have done at one time. He just got on with the job and waited for the next opportunity to come along.

It showed everyone he had matured as a person as well as a player and I am certain you will hear a lot more about David in the years to come.



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DOCHERTY MISSED GAYLE...

HOWARD Gayle could have been a Queens Park Rangers player by now if Tommy Docherty had not uncharacteristically hesitated to move in for him.

Gayle, on loan to Fulham from Liverpool for two months, had been watched by The Doc no fewer than eight times!

Docherty was impressed, but knew Liverpool would not sell Gayle — and never dreamed of asking if he could have him on loan.

"I thought it would have embarrassed Bob Paisley if I asked to borrow Gayle, so I did not have the nerve to do it," said Docherty.

"How wrong you can be. For the next thing I know Fulham have stepped in to get him for a spell."



...IPSWICH MISSED ENGLISH

TOM English — one of the exciting teenagers helping to re-shape the future of Coventry — was born in Colchester... right on the doorstep of Ipswich Town.

So how did he slip through the normally thorough scouting net the Portman Road club have?

He did not. Ipswich followed his progress as a school-boy, decided he was no better than the other lads on their books, so made no move to sign him.

The way youth international English is developing at the moment that might prove to be one of Ipswich boss Bobby Robson's rare mistakes.

HUGH SHEDS PROBLEMS

WHAT a difference twelve months makes to a young player's career. This time last year Dublin-born Hugh Atkinson was wondering if he had a career in soccer. Now he is rated as one of Wolves' brightest young prospects.

Just how high was indicated when Hugh was drafted into the first team by manager John Barrowell against Bristol City and played a big part in a 3-0 win.

He said: "I was out of action for five months last year and I was a little downcast but it was then that the club's coach, John Jarman, was a big help to me. He kept telling me that I could make the grade and this gave me a load of confidence."



Walsh not wanted

BLACKPOOL will not be bidding for Mickey Walsh's striking services despite Queens Park Rangers' circulation to clubs that their former Bloomfield Road favourite is available.

"I shan't be going in for Mickey," says Blackpool's manager Stan Torment. Blackpool sold Walsh to Everton two years ago for £325,000.

MORE than 8,000 youngsters, including teams from Britain, will compete in the World Youth Soccer Tournament in Gothenburg, Sweden, from July 13-18.

Applications to take part must reach the organisers by April 15. Official to contact in England is Norman Redman, who lives at 3 Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton, Sussex.

Ages of players participating must be between 10 and 18. Girl teams are also invited.

NEWS

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DESK

JOHN LUMSDEN (18), the East Fife midfielder, has joined Stoke City for a record fee for the Bayview club — £40,000. He was only seven months in senior football before making the move. Lumsden is the second East Fife player to go South this season. The other was John Methven, a defender, who went to Wigan Athletic for £30,000.

LINFIELD defender and skipper Peter Rafferty, who won his first full Northern Ireland honour against England, earlier this season, is currently reaping the richly-deserved rewards for his service and loyalty to the Belfast Blues, who have granted him a testimonial.

POETIC PETER

RADIO commentators have few opportunities to introduce levity into their football reports. Team details, League positions, accurate descriptions of the flow of the game and a final summary of the highlights are enough to keep most fully occupied.

But Peter Jenkins, South Yorkshire sports broadcaster for Radio Hallam has brought smiles to the Press box on several occasions with his inimitable comments.

In one game he described the threat of a team's strikers as "having all the venom of a geriatric chihuahua!"

At Rotherham United's ground, he was in a Shakespearean mood. "For most of the afternoon," he said, "the play was a Comedy of Errors. Both defences were as Titus Andronicus, the mouth action Much Ado About Nothing, but two late goals, from Richard I (Richard Finney), and Richard II (Richard Dawson), made the result for Rotherham very much As You Like It."

Unhappy Watson

DAVE Watson was doubly unhappy when he ended up in hospital with concussion after Southampton's League game against Manchester City.

He had planned to meet his friends in the rock group Status Quo at the end of the game. Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt, leading members of the group, had watched the game from the stands.

Watson's friendship with the group blossomed when he met Quo backstage in Manchester two years ago. Now, England's centre-half watches them whenever he can. He's seen seven Quo concerts!



Everton star pulls pints

EVERTON centre-half Mark Higgins finished his season four months early after breaking his left ankle in two places... but he has another trade at his father's 18th Century Free House in the Derbyshire Peak District.

Mark recently became a 50-50 partner with his Dad — former Bolton F.A. Cup Finalist Jack Higgins — in the Plough Inn at Flagg, near Buxton.

"It's no substitute for football at the moment," says Mark, who was 21 last October. "But too many players live well and then find they have nothing when they pack up. They are not qualified for a job because they have been wrapped up within the football club."

"I'm just getting the feel of Dad's business. I know about the buying and selling and the stockchecks, and I normally help out in the bars during the summer. Now that I'm injured, the business gives me another interest. I don't have to think about football and remind myself of what I am missing."

Mark was enjoying an outstanding season when he was injured while testing a minor knock in a Reserve match at Villa Park. "I knew it was a bad break immediately," he said. "When I lifted my leg, the ankle just flopped. But the surgeon says it is coming along fine and that's a great relief."

"When I was in hospital for a fortnight, there was nothing to do but think and worry about whether I could play again."

VETERAN Coleraine striker Des Dickson's lethal goal-touch this season has silenced the critics who had written him off. The former Irish international's brilliant "hat-trick" against Championship contenders Glentoran boosted his seasonal goal tally to the 20 mark.

Fast mover

ALAN BUCKLEY, Walsall's young player-manager, has owned an assortment of fast cars from a Mini GT to an MGB over the years. Currently he is driving a new Rover.

Since his marriage he has moved house on no less than four occasions and he and his wife Amanda have only been married for six years.

DEEHAN'S NEW ROLE



THE decision to play expensive signing John Deehan in a mid-field role only confirms manager Ron Atkinson's worry that West Bromwich Albion's failings this season have been in this department.

Deehan himself was surprised by the switch from the striker's position. He said: "It is an entirely new role for me."

"I've never played in this sort of situation where I am moving onto the ball. In the past I've had to play with my back to the opposition."

Atkinson is looking for Deehan to move onto the half chance on the edge of the penalty area and in so doing solve Albion's goalscoring problems which have put them on the fringe of the relegation area.

A SET of new multi-studded training shoes turned out to be a sound investment for Bobby Wilson, manager of the Highland League club Keith. When last season's champions took on the League leaders Ross County at Dingwall, the Keith players were able to master the snow-covered pitch and won 5-0. The cost of equipping all the players was £180.

Reluctant boss Murdoch

FORMER Celtic and Scotland star Bobby Murdoch is keen to try his hand at management one day. Fortunately for Middlesbrough, he is in no rush to reach for the top.

Since the ex-Scottish international helped Middlesbrough to establish themselves in the First Division, Murdoch has groomed potential stars in his role as youth team coach.

Bobby has done an excellent job, too, as players like Craig Johnston, Mark Proctor, Dave Hodgson and Jeff Peters will testify. When the second-team job became vacant, Bobby declined to take it. "A youth team job is more important," he pointed out.

"The sky's the limit at Middlesbrough with some outstanding youngsters on the way. The club have a tremendous future. I want to be a manager but I am still serving my apprenticeship. I will be ready when the time comes."

STAN McEWAN could be leaving Blackpool after his relegation to the reserves. The former Blackpool captain is likely to fetch between £150,000 and £250,000. High-riding Third Division Chester could be interested.

TONY YOUNG, 27, the former Manchester United defender has signed for Alliance Premier League club Bangor City.

FACTastic

TOTTENHAM captain Steve Perryman reached a personal milestone when he skipped the North London side to a 2-1 F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay victory against Third Division Swindon Town at White Hart Lane.

It was his 200th consecutive appearance in League and Cup competitions.

BILL'S £40 PROGRAMME



WHO said programme collecting was kid's stuff? Bill Honeysett (right), from Ninfield, Sussex, has been amassing his collection for the last 26 years.

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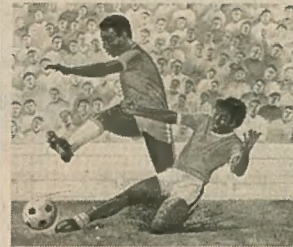
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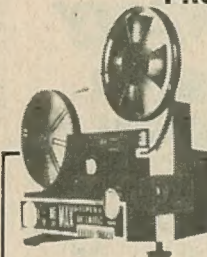
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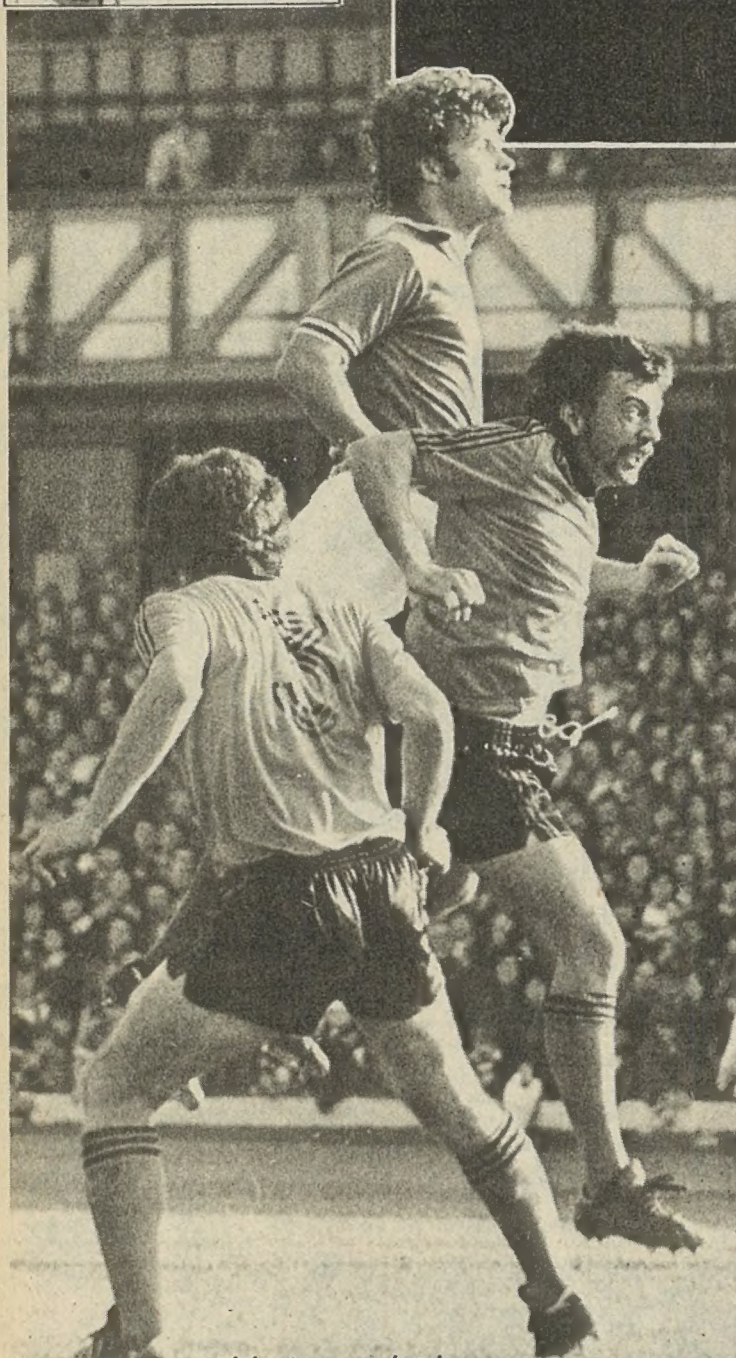
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Johnstone heads home against Dundee United at Ibrox.

I KEEP reading and hearing that Rangers' only avenue for success this season lies in the Scottish Cup.

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Celtic may be red-hot favourites at the moment, but you cannot take anything for granted in football. Rangers will keep up the pressure right until the end. Only when it is mathematically impossible for us to win the title will anyone at Ibrox concede we have no chance. Until then — **DON'T COUNT US OUT.**

Talking about the Cup leads me into Saturday's game against Dundee United at Ibrox. As everyone should know by now, United were my boyhood idols when I lived in Dundee.

However, that hasn't stopped me knocking in a goal or two against them in recent years and I hope to continue that trend on this occasion.

Entertaining

We've had some entertaining tussles with the men from Tannadice in recent years and it's a real family at War because their manager Jim McLean is the brother of our midfield player Tommy. And it wasn't that long ago Dave Smith played for us against his brother Doug, the former United centre-half and captain.

That always put an edge on the play and thoughts of those individuals, but, really, you don't need much motivating for a game against United. They are a good, attractive side and it's always a battle of wits when you meet them.

They played very well against us in a Scottish Cup Semi-Final tie at Hampden a few seasons back. The first half belonged to them, but we got into our stride after the interval and I broke the deadlock with a goal I will always savour.

It was an extremely close game

that could have swung either way when a long ball was crossed to the right wing. Paul Hegarty had played me well all evening, but this once he was slightly out of position.

The ball dropped over his head as I came racing in, I caught it with my forehead and knocked it past Hamish McAlpine, but hit a post. Happily, though, it was the inside of the woodwork and the ball rebounded over the line.

We eventually won that match 2-0 and our other goal came from none other than our boss John Greig. I'm not trying to keep in with the manager, but I've got to say it really was a brilliant effort.

Tommy McLean lobbed a lovely free-kick into the United goal-mouth and to everyone's surprise John came from nowhere to take the ball on his chest, swerve past a defender and then chip a magnificent effort over the head of McAlpine into the net. It was a goal fit to win the Cup itself. It was that good!

We could do with a couple like that on Saturday. We might have struggled against Clyde in the previous round, but you must give credit to the Shawfield side. They really played above themselves and if they had performed like that every week they would certainly be challenging for a place in the Premier Division at the end of the season.

Anyway, we'll be looking for a good result against United and I just hope the game gets the sort of attendance it surely deserves. I'm confident we can retain the Cup but, like I said earlier, we haven't yet lost interest in the League.

Call Rangers greedy if you like, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

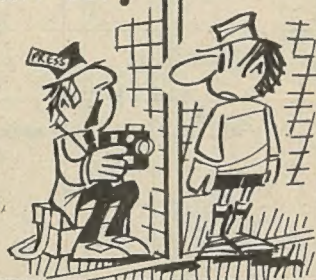
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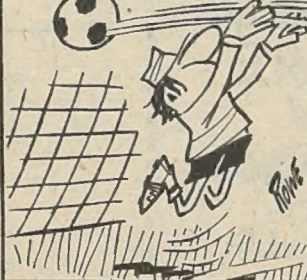
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CASE!



WHEN it comes to scoring F.A. Cup goals, John Richards is a specialist.

The Wolves and former England striker began his career with a crucial goal in England's most famous knock-out cup competition. And he broke his club's individual F.A. Cup scoring record during their Fourth Round replay win at Norwich on January 30.

Dennis Westcott, with 19 Cup goals for Wolves, held the record since just after the Second World

war they have shot up from the Fourth Division to the Second so quickly. Manager Graham Taylor deserves a lot of credit for his attacking policies.

"But this is the F.A. Cup, and our record is worth a mention. We have not reached the Final for a number of years, but I have played in two Semi-Finals and we have the players with the experience to see us through. One thing is for certain, I want to stretch this record as far as it will go. And that



RICHARDS TOPS RECORD 20

War. But when Kevin Keelan and Andy Gray went for a ball at Carrow Road, it fell loose and Richards bagged number 20 and set his side on the road to a 3-2 victory.

Watford are Wolves' visitors in the Fifth Round, and Richards warns that he is far from satisfied with letting the record stand at 20!

He said: "Perhaps the most disturbing thing about Watford is that we know very little about them. Martin Patching, not long ago a team-mate at Molineux, is the only player we know well, and he is enjoying himself since his transfer.

"We respect Watford for the good football they play and the

means more Cup goals."

The main threat to Watford is the rapidly developing partnership between Richards and Scottish international Andy Gray.

"People expected us to score goals immediately. And when we started off with a bang we made things worse for ourselves. The lean period that followed brought a heap of criticism. But we needed a bit of time to settle.

"This is the best partnership I have enjoyed since I played alongside Derek Dougan. 'Doog' was the target man and I tried to get on the end of the balls he had knocked down in the box. But with Andy it

is more of a 50-50 thing. And I am enjoying it.

"Teams will always make mistakes. That is the human element. But we now make far fewer mistakes since John Barnwell and Ritchie Barker came. They have given players more specific roles. There is more discipline in the team and we are much harder to beat."

The F.A. Cup, however, is still very special to Richards. "I remember my first senior goal for Wolves. I came on as sub in a Fourth Round tie in 1971 at Derby and hit the equaliser. We lost 2-1, but it was big moment in my

career.

"We lost the 1973 Semi-Final 1-0 to Leeds at Maine Road. And I can still see my late shot beating David Harvey, hitting the inside of the post and going into his arms.

"Losing last season's Semi-Final, 2-0 to Arsenal, was much worse. I was only 22 in the Leeds game and I believed another chance would come. But we played badly against Arsenal and we all felt absolutely sick.

"I believe that a team's name is on that Cup from the start of the season. It may be an old cliché and a bit corny. But nevertheless, fate does seem to play a role. So now I am looking towards third-time-lucky. And that means getting past Watford in the Fifth Round."

That goal at Carrow Road, was Richards' 160th first-class goal for the club since joining them from school. One of the most loyal and consistent strikers in the game, he has overcome troublesome injuries that certainly restricted his international chances yet still collected caps at full, under 23 and under 21 levels.

His most memorable goal of the lot? A Cup goal, what else!

"Manchester City were favourites to win the 1974 League Cup Final. And I was struggling with an injury and knew that manager Bill McGarry was about to pull me off. But Dave Wagstaffe pulled a muscle minutes later, Barry Powell came on... and I scored what proved to be the winner near the end. Fate plays a big part in Cup games. I hope Watford get the message."

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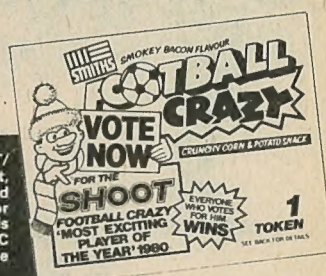
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Why the future skipper of Wales chose Crystal Palace



ALTHOUGH Terry Yorath is not yet ready to hand over his Welsh captaincy, he will, at some stage during the 80's, step down. And the player who will succeed the Spurs man is almost certain to be Peter Nicholas, the 20-year-old Crystal Palace midfielder.

Nicholas has only a handful of Wales caps to his credit at the moment and is still a First Division rookie, but his commitment and enthusiasm have him earmarked as a leader of the future.

The articulate and likeable Nicholas is very much in the Terry Yorath mould, a defensive midfielder, a ball-winner who is vital to every top team.

Nicholas says: "My Welsh debut was unbelievable. Scoring a goal against Malta and playing quite well was marvellous. I've found international football quicker than League soccer, far more technical and, of course, you're up against classier players.

"It opened my eyes playing West Germany in Cologne. For a 30-minutes spell they were out of this world. They're the best side I've ever played against.

"Tony Woodcock will love it over there. The stadium is incredible, a huge sports complex and the fans create a great atmosphere."

For Palace, Nicholas tries to "win the ball and give it to Gerry Francis or Jerry Murphy". Francis rightly considers Nicholas more of an all-rounder than simply a destroyer.

'Negative'

"I get my share of goals. If people want to call me this or that it's up to them.

"At the moment, life is better than I could ever have imagined. We came into the First Division with our sights set high. It's no use saying 'we'll be happy with a mid-table placing' — that's a negative view.

"Having said that, we didn't expect to be topping the table so soon. Going to places like Old Trafford is like a dream come true.

"One reason why we've done well is that we're a very close team. A lot of us are roughly the same age, having played together in the Youth team. We won the Youth Cup twice and I was captain for one.

"Jerry Murphy, Vince Hilaire, Ian Walsh and Billy Gilbert were also in the team."

Nicholas joined Palace at 15. "A lot of other clubs were interested in me... both Manchester clubs, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Leeds. Malcolm Allison impressed me and Palace seemed such a friendly club, so I chose them.

"We were in Division Three, but as a junior you don't worry too much about such things. It's the first teamers who really feel this. I always had faith in Malcolm and

Terry Venables, although if someone had said I'd be in Division One four years later I wouldn't have believed them!

"When we won the Youth Cup for the first time, beating Everton 1-0, the club had also just been promoted to Division Two. You can imagine how happy we were.

"Terry converted me from a central defender a couple of years ago. He simply asked me if I fancied playing in midfield, things went well and I've no regrets. Terry has helped me tremend-

ously. I've never met anyone who is so aware of a player's strengths and weaknesses, while his training is never boring.

"The atmosphere at the club is good, from the top to the bottom. I think opponents take us seriously now, while the media are beginning to as well.

"Nottingham Forest had a similar problem when they were promoted. People said their bubble

would burst, but it didn't and neither has ours.

"The biggest lesson I'm learning is how mistakes are punished in Division One. Last season we won 3-2 at Preston, when we played awfully. In the last minute Alex Bruce missed a sitter. A couple of months ago, against Wolves in the League Cup, Kenny Sansom's weak back-pass was intercepted — and we were on our way out. You can't give First Division players a chance, whereas in Division Two you could get away with it."



Nicholas (dark strip) challenges West Germany's Bernd Cullman in a 5-1 defeat for the Welsh.

Kevin Keegan, King of European football, is the idol of millions of fans throughout the Continent. Football is Kevin's living, but one thing is more important to the England captain . . . his family. Kevin rarely allows the Press to venture into his house, but here SHOOT shows you Mighty Mouse at home; looking out over the city of Hamburg, and in his luxury house on the outskirts, where he is seen with his wife, Jean, and daughter Laura-Jane.

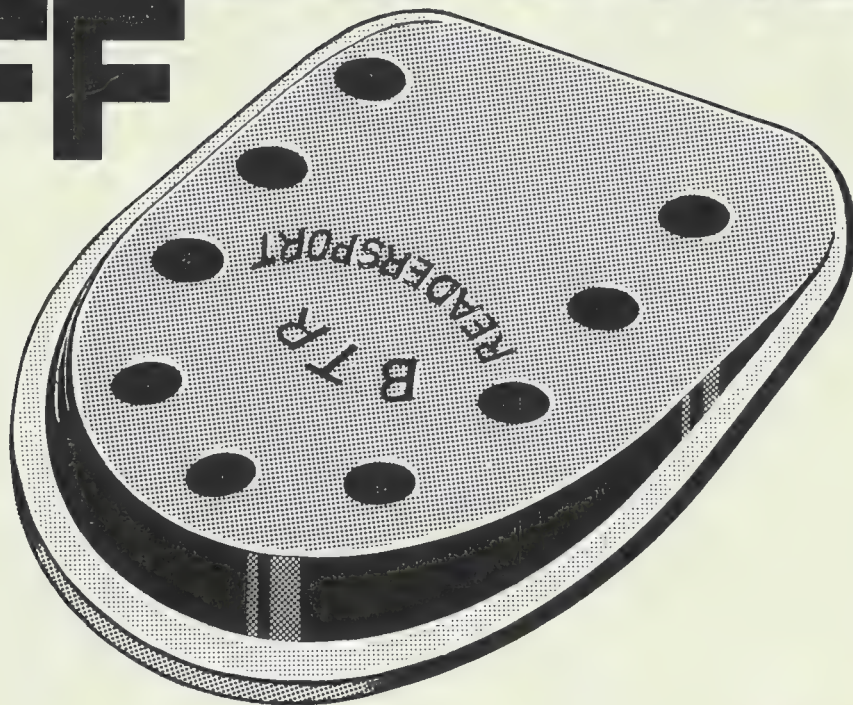
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Party-time for the KENNEDY CLAN



Keith (left) and Alan Kennedy, brothers who can't lose on Saturday.

SATURDAY'S F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie between Liverpool and Bury at Anfield will be a special occasion for two brothers. For the first time in their careers Alan and Keith Kennedy will be on opposing sides.

"We were together at Newcastle," remembers Liverpool's Alan. "The only time we played against each other was in practice games."

"Even at school we never met in serious opposition."

Keith left St. James' Park seven years ago but the two brothers keep in constant touch.

Says Alan: "I see Keith at least once a week and I have a meal with him. Also, if one of us is involved midweek, the other tries to get along to watch."

"We both discuss our performances after. We tend to be very critical of each other. But I must say there is no jealousy between us."

"I was the fortunate one. I got the breaks when it mattered. Keith, who plays at left-back for Bury, possesses a lot of skill. He passes well, can read the game and uses the ball intelligently."

"I can't remember having seen him have a bad game although I hope he is below form on Saturday!"

With their first confrontation looming, the family's loyalties will be divided.

"I haven't a clue which side they will be cheering for," says Alan.

"The only trouble we've been having is getting enough tickets

for them. Our uncles and aunts are travelling from the South and our father and a few more relatives from the North-East will be there."

"Whatever the outcome at Anfield, one thing is for sure. We are going to have one big party."

On paper, Liverpool are hot favourites to overwhelm the Third Division side.

"I have seen Bury quite a few times this season and they seem a capable outfit," says Alan, younger brother by two-and-a-half years.

"But, as results have proved over the years, anything can happen in Cup games. I must admit not many sides in the past ten years have come to Anfield and won."

"At this stage in the competition, all you wish for is a home tie and we got that."

"We definitely won't underestimate the Third Division side and I am sure Keith will get them up with our weaknesses and strengths."

"Liverpool will treat Bury the same as First Division or European opposition."

"Geoff Twentyman, one of our backroom staff, has watched them and we will know everything by the time we kick-off."

"It's their Cup Final and you can bet their players and supporters will have a great day out. But I hope their interests in the F.A. Cup will have ended by 4.40 on Saturday."

Then the real party can begin when the Kennedy clan have their big knees-up on Merseyside.

ALTHOUGH Peter Shilton is one of my closest friends, I must admit that I was overjoyed at his recent mistake in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

When he failed to hold a high cross into the Forest penalty-area for Kenny Dalglish to score our first goal, I knew we were on the way to beating "the second best team in England" on their own patch — and I mean patch — for the first time since their promotion to the First Division.

Of course, I felt desperately sorry

by 2-0 in the first-leg of the the First Round of the European Cup in 1978, Forest's results were due to one, simple word. Luck!

And it's that ingredient that so often figures in knockout competitions.

In the League, it evens out and the honour goes to the most skilful and consistent team over the gruelling 42-game season. Forest manager Brian Clough has admitted that winning the Championship is the ultimate achievement for a club.

But in that Fourth Round tie,

'Forest not

for Peter, for the only bad mistake I can recall him making against us.

It was ironic that it was almost entirely due to his inspired 'keeping that only a few days before, in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final at the same venue, we had been beaten 1-0.

After the F.A. Cup-tie our manager Bob Paisley rushed to Peter's defence, saying: "I suppose the lad's going to be crucified now. But that's the trouble with teams like these — and players like him — nobody's ever expected to make a mistake."

Unfortunately when a 'keeper errs, it usually costs his team a goal.

I was at fault in the League Cup tie, misreading a situation and bringing down Garry Birtles to concede a penalty which John Robertson converted.

First person to console me afterwards was Peter — a customary gesture amongst 'keepers anyway simply because of the special bond that exists between men in our unique position.

I suspect that Peter relived his nightmare moment in the same way I did — by sitting in front of his television and re-running a video recording of the incident over and over again!

Reports in the Press that we have regarded Forest as our hoodoo, or jinx, team because of our poor record against them in recent years really riled us. Apart from the defeat

when our Dave Johnson got clean through early on to send a cracking shot past Peter Shilton — only to see it hit the inside of a post and rebound clear — it looked as though Dame Fortune was scowling at us again.

Then Kenny took advantage of Peter's slip to get our first goal; and in the second-half, after Dave Needham had handled in the penalty area while under pressure, Terry McDermott coolly converted to drive the second nail in Forest's coffin.

The replacement of Larry Lloyd at half-time by Kenny Burns to put more emphasis on attack may have helped us by giving our forwards more room to move.

Although the referee, Clive White, showed six players the yellow card, it was not an over-physical game. Some clashes were definitely due to the poor, uneven pitch which is one of the worst in the First Division.

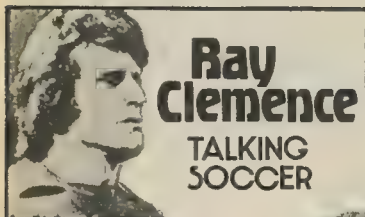
Brian Clough has been unfortunate in managing First Division clubs in the respect that at both Derby and Forest the pitches were sub-standard, while ironically at Leeds United, where his stay was only 44 days, there is an excellent playing surface.

After our well-deserved victory over Forest, it was flattering to discover Liverpool were regarded as the team every survivor wanted to avoid.



Kenny Dalglish scores his first goal ever against Peter Shilton.

At last we beat Forest at the City Ground!



When the numbered balls were pulled out of the bag at the F.A. headquarters, they dealt us the sort of draw we'd prayed for — at home against one of the minnows.

No disrespect to Third Division Bury, who will regard this tie as their Cup Final and give us problems, but we wanted to avoid one of the big guns at this stage, preferring to take them on in a later round.

Bury manager Dave Connor will be stressing to his players the positive side to their tie: they have an advantage over us simply because

Swansea to knock-out West Ham, after possibly taking them to Vetch Field after drawing at Upton Park. They proved how formidable they are when disposing of Crystal Palace, a superior team to Hammers.

And I suspect they're additionally motivated by the hope of being drawn against Liverpool and appearing once again at Anfield.

Spurs should get the better of Birmingham, who must be placing priority on getting back into the First Division at the first attempt.

Racecourse Ground, graveyard for several giants in the past.

Wolves, led by our former captain Emlyn Hughes, should beat a Watford team more concerned with consolidating their position in the Second Division.

I must congratulate Blackburn Rovers on reaching the Fifth Round after beating Coventry City, whose youngsters inflicted a 1-0 defeat on us a week earlier in the League. Rovers, inspired by Howard Kendall and Duncan McKenzie, two talented stalwarts, must not be

our 'hoodoo team'

no one expects them to win and they can throw caution to the winds.

He'll no doubt remind them of the time when Doncaster, at the time bottom of the 92 clubs in the League, came to Anfield and actually led 2-1 until Kevin Keegan scored our second to snatch us a replay.

For two of our players the occasion will have an extra-special flavour. Terry McDermott will be playing against his first pro. club, and Alan Kennedy will line-up to face his brother Keith.

Bolton and Arsenal are the only two First Division clubs to be paired, although signs point to the former losing their status at the end of the season. I was stunned and dismayed at the news of the sacking of their manager, Ian Greaves, a man who enjoys tremendous respect and affection in the game — especially after his club's victory over Halifax in the Fourth Round. Another instance of how cruel football can be at times.

I tip the Cup-holding Gunners to go through at the first attempt.

I don't envy Everton their task against Wrexham, who include former Blues players Terry Daracott and Dai Davies, plus our former left-back Joey Jones. They are bound to revel in being back on a Merseyside stage. It's a tie Everton must win at the first attempt to avoid being taken to a replay at the

under-estimated, although I take Aston Villa to win out perhaps after bringing Rovers to a replay at Villa Park.

Last but by no means least: Ipswich Town v Chester. Ipswich are a form team, especially at Portman Road, which is likely to prove end of the line Chester, well-placed for promotion to the Second Division.

Looking far ahead to the Final, my crystal ball reveals a picture of Reds v Blues — two teams who each won the trophy once in the Seventies.

Liverpool v Ipswich!

A dream Final I'm already getting excited about.

Ray Clemence

This all-Lancashire tie is certain to be a sell-out and we're all looking forward to it.

For a change, First Division clubs are well separated in this Fifth Round, and prospects look good for some very interesting pairings in the Quarter-Finals.

Although my track record as a forecaster is nothing to shout about, I'm still going to make my predictions as to which teams I believe will qualify for the next stage of what is still the most glamorous domestic competition.

It's not loyalty to my former teammates, John Toshack, Ian Callaghan, Phil Boersma and Alan Waddle, that makes me take



Kevin Keegan saves The Reds' faces with an equaliser against the Fourth Division club.

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How many players have scored two goals for each side in the same game?

ROBERT MITCHELL,
LONDONDERRY

● Not all that many. I shouldn't think Robert — and, as far as the Football League is concerned, only a couple.

First was Sam Wynne, for Oldham v. Manchester United in a Second Division game on 6th October, 1923.

Sam's two "right" goals came the easier way from a free-kick and a penalty — but, when Chris Nicholl equalled this odd feat in a First Division game for Villa v. Leicester on 20th March, 1976, both of his came from open play.

Sadly Wynne, then playing for Bury, made the record books again on 30th April, 1927. Then he collapsed after taking a free-kick against Sheffield United — and died in the dressing-room.

Top and bottom

What has been the fewest points to separate the First Division Champions, and the bottom club, at the end of any season?

PETER TYLER,
COWES

● Sixteen it is, Peter, and this has happened three times.

In 1901-02 (when only 34 games were played instead of the present 42) Sunderland were Champions with 44 points, while bottom club Manchester City had 28.

In 1927-28, Everton finished top with 53 points, and Middlesbrough bottom with 37 — and, in 1937-38, Arsenal were top with 52, and West Bromwich bottom with 36.

Furthest

Which Irish club has got the furthest in any of the three big European competitions?

JONATHAN WALLER,
PETERBOROUGH

● Both Linfield and Glentoran have reached the Quarter-Finals, Jonathan. Linfield did so in the Champions Cup in 1966-67 before going out to the Bulgarians, CSKA Sofia.

And Glentoran reached the same stage in the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1973-74 before losing to Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Birthday draw

My Dad says my favourite team, Chelsea, lost on the day I was born — 24th February, 1968. Is he right?

S. RAMAN,
MITCHAM

● Dad must have been so excited at your arrival that he didn't check the results properly!

It was a 0-0 draw against Leeds at Stamford Bridge — which was a big improvement on the 7-0 walloping Chelsea got from them up at Elland Road earlier in the season.

Sir Matt

Could you tell me if Sir Matt Busby ever PLAYED League football for Manchester United?

ANDREW DAVIDSON,
DUNDEE

● No, Andrew, although Sir Matt's name will always be associated with Old Trafford — he actually came down as a youngster from his native Scotland to play for Manchester City!

He made his League debut for them in the 1929-30 season — and played as a constructive wing-half for City in the successive F.A. Cup Finals of 1933 and 1934.

Then, in 1936, Busby was transferred to Liverpool — where he still was, after 317 League games for the two clubs, when War came in 1939.

He still played on during Wartime military service as a "guest" for Reading and other clubs — and also skipped Scotland in unofficial internationals, to add to his one full peacetime cap — but, by the time normal League football resumed in 1946, had forsaken the field for the manager's chair at Old Trafford.

Charlton debut

When, and against whom, did Bobby Charlton make his First Division debut?

PETER GRAY,
Co. DOWN

● Couldn't have been more appropriate, Peter.

It was against Charlton, at Old Trafford, on 6th October, 1956 — and Charlton (Bobby, that is!) scored twice against his namesakes in a 4-2 win.

He only played 14 League games for Manchester United in his first season — but still scored ten goals as the "Busby Babes" cruised to the Championship eight points ahead of runners-up Tottenham.

SHORT PASSES

● Huddersfield were League Champions in the successive seasons of 1923-24, 1924-25 and 1925-26.

(MATTHEW HELLAWELL,
West Yorkshire)

● Sunderland have played in three F.A. Cup Finals — beating Preston 3-1 in 1937, and Leeds 1-0 in 1973, and losing 0-1 to Villa in 1913.

(COLIN PATTISON, Co. Durham)

● Peter Marinello scored three goals in his 38 League games for Arsenal.

(NIAL REES, London, N.16)

● Nottingham Forest's first League game was a 2-2 away draw at Everton on 3rd September, 1892.

(PAULI PAJARINEN, Finland)

● The first England-Scotland international at Wembley was a 1-1 draw on 12th April, 1924.

(IAN HENRY, Dorking)

● Howard Kendall, at 17 years, 345 days, became the youngest player to appear in an F.A. Cup Final (Preston v. West Ham, 2nd May, 1964).

(NICHOLAS LEVITT, Sheffield)

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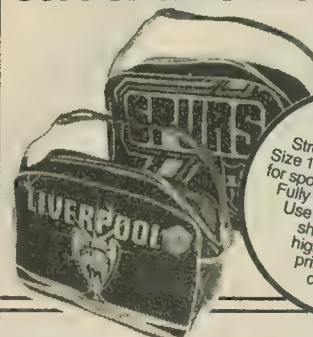
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GIDDY IN A SPIN

JOHN Gidman, Everton's £650,000 full-back, admits that it hasn't been easy settling in at Goodison Park.

He says: "I didn't think it would be so hard to get into another team and sort out the style of play. I have to admit now that it takes time to get used to a new set of players.

"It's difficult to read the minds of players you haven't played with before. I'm just starting to understand Trevor Ross and Garry Stanley, who play in front of me, and

Billy Wright, who is alongside me in the defence."

The other thing that Gidman has had to get used to is playing the offside trap.

"We didn't play it at Aston Villa, so it's a new thing for me.

"When I made my debut against Manchester United, I was so frightened that I was going to play them on. Touch wood, it all went very well.

"It takes a lot of courage to play the offside game, but I'm getting a lot more confidence.

"It actually makes life easier for a full-back because you don't have to keep getting round to cover and then moving back out to the winger again. All the back-four push up and just catch the opposing forwards offside.

"Playing the trap properly is just a matter of building a good understanding with the other defenders. I usually take my mark from one of the central pair."

Gidman, of course, is too good a player to struggle for long in any side.

His performances have helped to settle an Everton defence that struggled in the early part of the season. Now he expects to see them climbing the First Division table.

"We've just got to get some consistency. We've played pretty well on occasions and even in matches we've lost, we have created chances that should have been taken."

Although the Goodison club have been at the wrong end of the First Division for most of the season, he can't seriously imagine that they'll be fighting against the drop in the Spring.

"I can't see us being in relegation trouble. If you look at the Everton side you realise why I'm so optimistic.

'Europe'

"By the end of the season, I can see us being up in the top six and qualifying for Europe. We are also looking to go all the way in the F.A. Cup."

Gidman would like to be back in Europe in another way, in the England team.

He played against Luxembourg in 1977 in a 5-0 win at Wembley, but hasn't been called up since.

He knows there are several contenders for the right-back spot now, with Viv Anderson and Phil Neal getting the edge over the others.

Says Gidman: "You have got to give that pair their due. When they've been called into the team, they've done well.

"But there are always people on the fence waiting to jump in and if I was given my chance again I'm sure I'd be able to take it.

"I was in a rut at Villa but Everton are becoming a big club again and if I do well for them, I think I must have a chance of getting into the England team.

"First and foremost, though, I want to help Everton up the table."



- The February issue of Soccer Monthly is not to be missed.
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TAYLOR'S TARGET

MANSFIELD striker Steve Taylor has set himself just a target since a £65,000 move to Luton last summer — to score 20 goals a season.

The Oldham-born forward rose to fame when he plundered 16 League and four League Cup goals in his first season with Bolton Wanderers four years ago. That figure was achieved despite a 12 week lay off through cartilage trouble.

But surprisingly, Taylor was soon sold to Oldham for just £40,000, yet still managed to grab 20 League goals in 32 appearances for the Boundary Park club.

Last season Steve continued to find the net with his normal regularity for Oldham before a transfer to Luton for £60,000.

"At the time leading scorer Brian Stein was going through a lean spell," says Taylor. "I was bought to boost the goals, but it didn't work out and I only scored once. I probably played as well as I had ever done, but my scoring touch just deserted me. Subsequently, Brian was playing three games, then I was playing three games. We shared the central striking position and neither of us could put the ball into the back of the net.

"One of the major factors was an injury to winger David Moss. He was having trouble with a pelvic strain and wasn't playing. That upset the balance of the team and I didn't get the service I needed to keep the goals flowing.

"Then out of the blue I was told that Mansfield had come in with a bid of around £65,000, which the club had accepted, and was I interested?

"I thought about it and I felt that I needed regular first team football to prove that I could still score goals.

"I didn't think I had much of a future at Luton, and even though the move to Field Mill meant drop-

ping down a Division, I couldn't really turn down the fresh challenge offered.

"When I first arrived at Mansfield they were without a manager. Billy Bingham had just left and it was the chairman, Mr Patrick, who signed me.

"Jock Basford, a previous boss at Field Mill, took over during the interim period. Then Mick Jones and his assistant Geoff Lee arrived from Kettering. They're inexperienced in managerial terms, but I've been very impressed. They're really keen and the players want to do well for them."

Now Steve has struck up a thriving partnership with fellow striker Terry Austin. "We complement each other," he says. "Terry is slightly taller than I am and he excels at flicking balls on. This suits my style and I can use my speed to get behind the defence."

The partnership has already produced more than 35 goals this season. At the moment, it's one of the best combined tallies of any duo in the Third Division.

'Experience'

"Russell Allen is the man who supplies the crosses on the wing. John Lathan and Arthur Mann have the experience we need in midfield, and they are providing a regular service for us strikers.

"Obviously, my aim is to keep on scoring goals — that's what I'm paid for. The more goals I score, then the more successful the team will become.

"It took me a little time to settle at Field Mill, but I'm banging a few goals in now and my confidence is much better.

"The fans have treated me well and I seem to have got on quite well with them. Earlier on, when I was going through a lean patch, they didn't give me all that much stick. I try to give 100 per cent and the crowd appreciate that."



Ronnie Moore replaces his lucky number 5 after ending his goal drought.

RONNIE promises MOORE goals

WHEN Cardiff City's Ronnie Moore headed a superb match-winning goal against Wrexham, the standing ovation at Ninian Park almost took the roof off the stand. It wasn't so much the goal itself — although that was welcome enough against Cardiff's great rivals — but a spontaneous celebration that one of football's most pilloried players had ended a personal nightmare.

For week after week, he had stood up unflinchingly to savage criticism and cruel taunts. He had been tagged Britain's worst striker in a national newspaper, badges were being sold carrying the slogan "I saw Ronnie Moore Score" and his failures were never out of the news.

The tall Merseysider took it on the chin. He never ducked an interview or a question about his dismal, desperate spell of one goal in his previous 32 first team games after costing Cardiff £130,000.

On the pitch, too, his battling zest and enthusiasm never flagged. He chased every ball, hunted out half-chances, tackled ferociously and moved into wide positions to make openings for other players.

His committed honesty produced an astonishing response from Cardiff's supporters. Instead of jeering his misses, they applauded his willingness to go on trying: they even wrote letters to the newspapers attacking the "victimisation" of a player whose popularity increased with each blank match.

"If the public of Cardiff had not stood by me, I don't know what would have happened," he admits. "Living through that kind of spell is bad enough: to then have the world against you might have finished me.

"One goal may not make a season — but I can't express how I felt when I scored against Wrexham. The reaction of the supporters from every corner of Ninian Park was one of the finest moments of my career."

In one of the most exposed personal torments in football this season, Moore found a host of friends. He started going to church, "because I genuinely felt

that it would help", and found unwavering support from the Vicar of Penmark, Rev. Peter Cobb.

"He is a smashing bloke," says Ronnie, "and the morning after I scored that goal against Wrexham, I went to church with my family and he told me 'your prayers have been answered'. Quite a slice of our win bonus went on the plate that morning!"

Moore's church-going received considerable publicity during the trauma of his goal drought and a crack or two about "Cardiff's devout centre-forward" was the only time that he lost his temper. "It was cheap, tasteless comment," he flares.

But surely he was hurt by a firm marketing "I saw Ronnie Moore Score" badges?

"No, not really," he told us. "I had to accept that I was signed to score goals and had not done so.

"Manager Richie Morgan dropped me to substitute for a couple of matches during Christmas and that was another lesson.

Lucky

"I almost went daft," he admits. "Seven is my lucky number and happens to be the number of our house. I started unscrewing it from the front door and taking it to the ground in my pocket on match days. It gets so bad that you do anything for a goal!"

Moore knows, too, that it was his record as a marksman which attracted Morgan into making the first six-figure deal of his managerial career. "In the couple of seasons before I came to Cardiff, I scored 37 and 24 goals for Tranmere respectively. It was a tremendous challenge to step up into the Second Division and I'm going to prove myself if it's the last thing I do!

"One answer, maybe, is to stop chasing everything everywhere and concentrate on the penalty-area. What I know for sure is that all the black headlines and badges in the world will not stop me trying."

And the following week against Shrewsbury, he scored his second match-winning goal in successive matches!



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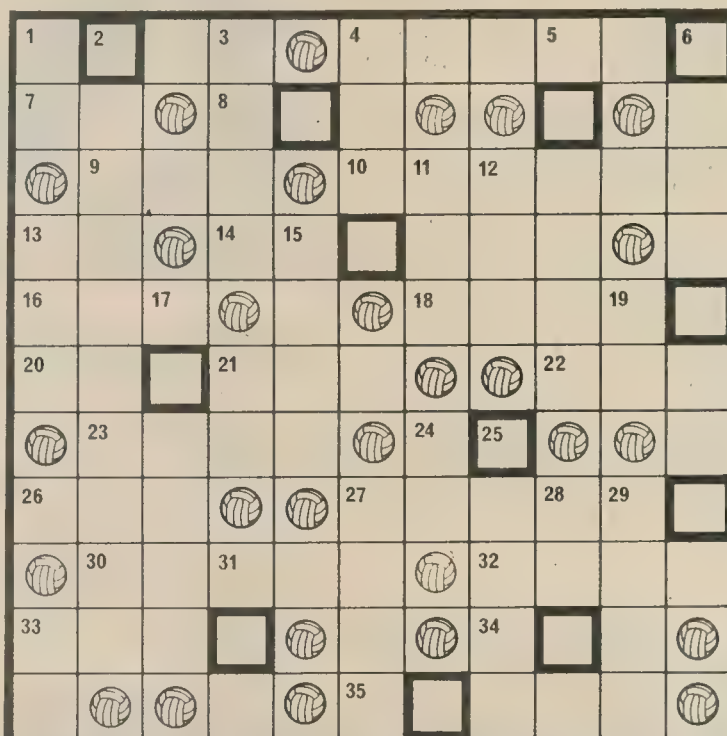
After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Crystal Palace striker. Answers on page 42.

ACROSS:—

- (1) Strike with the foot.
- (4) Glenn —, Spurs midfield player.
- (7) Joe C-r-igan of Manchester City.
- (8) Richard M---y, Fulham captain.
- (9) The ---ates (Bristol Rovers). The omissions reversed.
- (10) Number of players in a team.
- (13) --reford play at Edgar Street.
- (14) State or advance as a fact (especially without proof).
- (16) — Hartford, Everton & Scotland.
- (18) Preston — End.
- (20) Not at rest.
- (22) B---ham Crescent (York City). The missing letters in reverse.
- (23) --- Bon-, Brentford 'keeper.
- (24) Paul --riner of Ipswich Town.
- (26) Alan ---derland of Arsenal.
- (27) Terry —, Southampton 'keeper.
- (30) Take five letters from Portsmouth to give a teacher.
- (32) S--wa-t Housto-, Man. Utd. defender.
- (33) --nnis Mortim--, Aston Villa skipper.
- (34) Pat R--- of Arsenal.
- (35) Steve —, Q.P.R.

DOWN:—

- (1) -evin -'Callaghan of Ipswich.
- (2) Hesitating or undetermined.



- (3) Raymond —, European Footballer of the Year, 1958.
- (4) Site of the "Achilles tendon".
- (5) Turn in another direction.
- (6) PSV —, U.E.F.A. Cup Winner, 1978.
- (11) — Cantello, Bolton midfield player.
- (12) Gr-- D-wns, Norwich full-back.
- (13) ---burger SV. West German League club.
- (15) El---- Road, Leeds United's ground.
- (17) Bradford Park —, former League club.
- (19) Bob S--koë, manager of Rochdale.
- (21) Steve K--don, Huddersfield striker.
- (24) Nick Hol--s of Southampton.
- (25) ---nad--- Park (Dundee United). Trick from the missing letters.
- (27) --imsby T--n. English Div. III club from Blundell Park.
- (28) In the 1956 F.A. Cup Final Bert Trautmann played on in goal with a broken one.
- (29) Nottingham F-----t managed by Brian Clough.
- (31) -o-qua- United (English Div. IV).
- (33) Tommy --cherty, Q.P.R. manager.

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Hoddle's goal the turning point for Tottenham

GLENN Hoddle and Ricardo Villa are the two main reasons why Tottenham are now threatening to become a power in the First Division. That's the opinion of Steve Perryman, the long-serving Spurs skipper who is now playing a key defensive role at White Hart Lane.

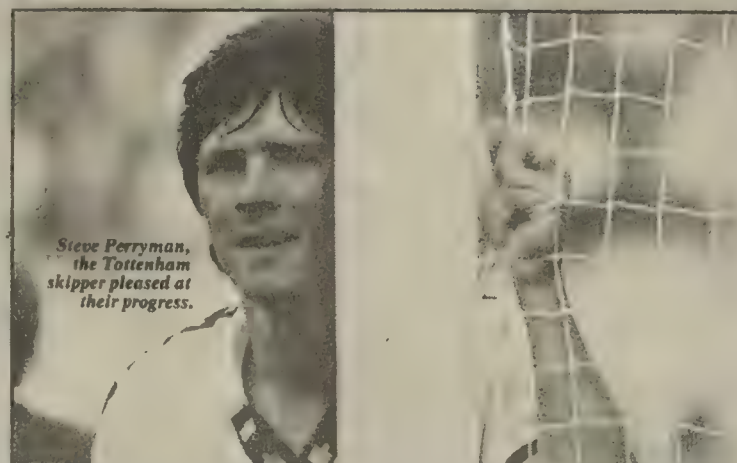
Perryman explains that the key to the Londoners' recovery after a poor start has been a revived midfield. "A lot of people thought there was a crisis after we had lost our first three games and conceded a few goals. But we have picked up a tremendous amount since then. Although we have slipped from third in the table at one stage in the season, we have improved beyond recognition.

"You have to put a lot of it down to Hoddle and Villa. Glenn has been having an exceptional season and he is now playing for 90 minutes. In the past he would perform only at certain stages during the game.

"But now he is far more consistent and that has helped both him and Spurs. Glenn is now pushing for a regular place in the England side, and his form this season warrants that. What is more, he is getting stronger and more knowledgeable about the game all the time and is taking more on himself.

"Ricky Villa has also come through this season. He has now realised he has to play a role in both defence and attack and through accepting that, he has looked a different player.

"He is playing the way we expected him to last season and the whole side is much better for having him there, doing well. We were asking Ricky to do a defensive job he didn't at first seem



Steve Perryman, the Tottenham skipper pleased at their progress.

capable of. He was in and out of the team and things were just not working for him.

"But now he is realising his responsibility. He is doing a fine defensive job as well as attacking and scoring goals.

"The one he got against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park earlier in the season showed what a striker of a ball he can be. That proved the sort of job he could do because as well as shooting for goal and playing well in attack, he also gets back to help the defence. He has made a big difference to us overall and the balance is now much closer to being right.

"We are looking more organised and we have gained that balance which has helped the younger

players we have brought into the side."

The kids certainly started to appear once Spurs hit tricky waters. Manager Keith Burkinshaw showed he was not afraid to plunge youngsters into senior football and three in particular, Chris Hughton, Paul Miller and Terry Gibson, have seized their chance.

Perryman says: "Those three took on responsibility and showed they were quality players in the making. Hughton has marked people like Peter Ward and Peter Barnes right out of the game and he proved he wasn't out of his depth. He is a good user of the ball, too.

"Miller is basically a competitor,

and so is little Terry Gibson."

It is clear, then, that Tottenham's future looks bright. Although they have failed to sustain their challenge for the title, a place in Europe is not beyond them.

With only a handful of points separating the bulk of the First Division table this season, Perryman knows a good run-in could help Spurs secure a place in the top six.

"Any team that puts together about eight or nine good results will be right up there challenging. We don't want to do any shouting about what we may or may not do, but we have proved to ourselves we can play."

Confidence

And can Perryman think of one turning point in his side's fortunes, one moment when an uncertain start began to fade and Spurs started to look to the future with greater confidence?

"I think one goal was the turning point," he says. "It was scored by Glenn Hoddle against Manchester United in a League Cup match at White Hart Lane. That was the game where we got up fighting and Glenn's goal really lifted us.

"We won 2-1 and should have scored more. It proved to us that we could work to erase the memory of that bad start. Now we know we can be up there challenging for a U.E.F.A. Cup place, or even better a place in the Cup-Winners' Cup."



JAKE
FINDLAY

Jake's progress

"They realise it's for their own good and that sometimes I'm in the wrong, but they tell me in the right way. That builds team spirit and we've certainly got that at Luton.

"With the help of the management, coaches and the players, plus a lot of hard work on my part to improve on fitness and technique, I feel that I'm now an established player here. I've helped myself by learning from the mistakes I made last season."

Findlay — big, strong and very brave — arrived at Aston Villa as a 15-year-old apprentice and won an F.A. Youth Cup medal before turning professional in 1972. His debut came in 1974 in a Second Division game against Sunderland.

At Villa he made 14 League appearances and also played in the F.A. Cup, the League Cup and the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Last season Findlay made 23 League appearances for Luton and so far this season has been an ever-present. His performances have been of such outstanding quality that he is now regarded as a Scottish international candidate.

"I know there's been a lot of talk in the papers about me playing for Scotland," he says. "People have asked me about this. It's hard for me to comment because I only started playing regularly in a first team side last season.

Disappointed

"If they picked a 'B' side in Scotland as they do in England, then I would be very disappointed if I wasn't included.

"I feel that I've got the consistency in my game and I'm worth a try.

"Mike Smith picked Paul Price for the Welsh squad this season, so that proves managers must be coming to look at us. With a little luck I might just squeeze into the Scotland side — plus help from the Kenilworth Road supporters.

"When I first came to Luton the fans found it hard to accept me and vice versa because I would get barracked.

"When the ball used to come near me I'd get a few jeers and shouts because they still remembered former 'keeper Milija Aleksic with affection.

"But towards the end of last season I began to win them over and now there are no problems.

"The fans are really great now. They look after me. Every time I go out on a Saturday I can sense their change in attitude, especially those at the Oak Road End.

"I'm the first name they shout and I love it. I give them a big wave. It's a marvellous feeling when the crowd appreciate you.

"I felt last season I was judged too early. People came up to me and told me to my face that the club had made a mistake in signing me.

"I'm making them eat their words now."

WHEN Jake Findlay, Luton Town's £110,000 goalkeeping buy from Aston Villa, arrived at Kenilworth Road in November, 1978, success did not come easily.

"I couldn't get myself motivated enough to play as well as I knew I could," said the 25-year-old Perthshire-born 'keeper.

"It took me a long time to settle, which could be attributed to moving away from Birmingham, where I'd spent most of my footballing life. I was also living in an hotel and, with being away from my wife and relations, I naturally found it a wrench.

"I'd never been away from my wife before, and when she eventually joined me we were still living in an hotel. It wasn't the same, my concentration let me down every Saturday.

"But eventually I began to play well and the team started to develop a pattern. Since then we've never looked back.

"At the beginning of this season defender Mike Saxby arrived from Mansfield and midfielder Tony Grealish from Orient.

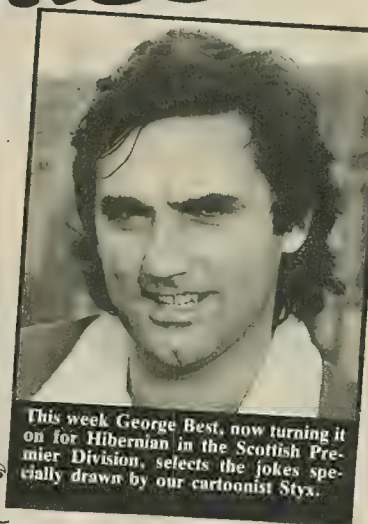
"Tony has added bite and he's been a great asset. He's one of those players who work endlessly and is always shouting and encouraging. It's great to have him in the side.

"I'm like that myself. Sometimes players get angry because I shout at them too much, but I'm only trying to help them.

"Football is a game of involvement. You can shout and you can tell people off, and I've called my team-mates some terrible names on the field, but afterwards it's all forgotten."

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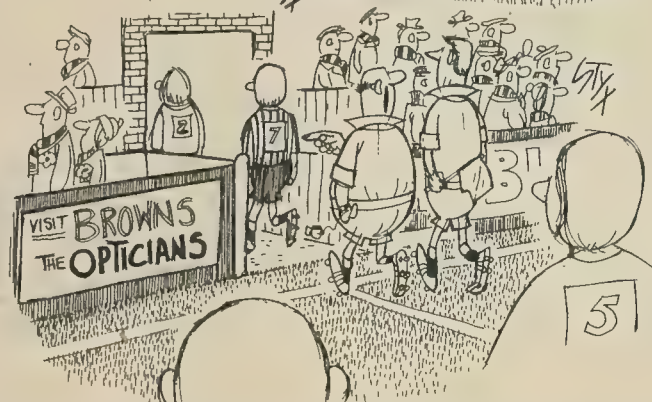
This week George Best, now turning it on for Hibernian in the Scottish Premier Division, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

"While you have been busy warming your hands on the under-pitch heating, guess what?"



"Don't be scared missus it's only our bogey team."

"Nearly an hour getting him off to sleep then that shower have to score a goal."



"The players kept pointing to that advert during the game. What does it say?"

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

SUNDERLAND

'I'll do it my way' -Ken Knighton



Bryan Robson (above) and Claudio Marangoni (right), two of Knighton's signings.

SUNDERLAND manager Ken Knighton is a realist.

"It's my head on the block," he says. "That's why I'm doing things my way. I know exactly the way I want this club run and the personnel I want to see here."

"If I have to upset some people and their feelings to achieve the ambitions of this club, that's just too bad. I am determined to make sure we achieve success. If I do that, I could be here for a very long time, and that's exactly what I want."

Just one example of the driving force behind Ken Knighton. The man who took over Sunderland when Billy Elliott's brave bid to clinch promotion failed so narrowly last season, is determined to give Wearside what it wants — **SUCCESS**.

And Knighton certainly isn't a man to hang around. Despite Sunderland's near miss by a single point last May — by the end of the same year, five players of that near-successful side had left the club. Why, when only a point separated Sunderland from failure to success?

"Because we obviously weren't good enough," is Knighton's



quick-fire answer. "If we had been, we'd have done it. I am trying to build and I want players who I believe can bring this club a successful future. It's no good just scraping up into Division One and then struggling."

"I want to take Sunderland up but that is only the start of it. The club must gain success in the First Division and with the players I have brought in, I believe that is now possible where it wasn't before."

Knighton is certainly a man who knows where he is going. He's been in charge at Roker Park less than six months yet even he admits: "I have changed. I have had to do a lot of wheeling and dealing to get closer to the squad I wanted. I had been at Roker Park 18 months and I knew where we needed strengthening. One thing is for sure — we have a better squad now than when I arrived."

"People in this game expect instant success and that's hard. But I have signed a three-year contract and I certainly hope this

club will have a lot to cheer by the time that expires."

"I want to remain here for the rest of my life. It's a great club, one of the biggest in the country. Just winning promotion from Division Two isn't enough for Sunderland; it ought to be challenging to win Division One."

It is with that high degree of spirit and determination that Knighton is trying to drive Sunderland to promotion this season. Football has always been fiercely competitive and Knighton is one of the most committed men in the modern-day game.

"If I don't get success within three years, I don't deserve to stay," he says. "But I'm desperate to succeed and I'll work all the hours there are to try and achieve something."

"I believe we are almost there, in terms of the players I want. They have settled in well. We are good enough to go up now but it will be tight. I'm happy with their progress but now we have to really battle for the remainder of the season."

"The players who have stayed have also responded well to the fact that we have now improved the squad. It has lifted them and that's what I wanted."

Knighton, however, is no fool. He knows as well as anyone that simply buying good players doesn't guarantee you promotion. West Ham, purchasers of £565,000 worth of goalkeeping talent in Phil Parkes near the end of last season, found it wasn't enough.

Sunderland have splashed vast sums on players like Stan Cummins (£300,000 from Middlesbrough), Claudio Marangoni (£350,000 from Argentina), John Hawley (£100,000 from Leeds) and Bryan Robson (£90,000 from West Ham).

'Achieve'

"With the squad we have now, we could go up and stay there," says Knighton. "But we have to achieve more than that. I want to go up and take the First Division by storm. It would be nice if people spoke about Sunderland in the same breath as Nottingham Forest, Liverpool and Arsenal. In other words, with the best."

Knighton likens his task to rousing a "slumbering giant". And he has certainly been hard at work to bring in fresh troops to try to do that. As well as the new players who have arrived, Knighton brought Frank Clark from Nottingham Forest as his assistant and Peter Eustace, as coach.

"Both of them have spent a long time in the First Division and they were very good players," he says. "George Herd is also with us and he's a former Scottish international. I am very fortunate with my staff."

"Sunderland have the potential to become one of the best clubs in the country."

Knighton has a tough task ahead at Roker Park. Extended First Division success is something Sunderland haven't had for a few years now. But he says: "The task excites me. Every day I go to the ground, I feel aroused at the prospect of doing something. That is the way it should be, too."



SUNDE



BACK ROW (left to right): Kevin Arnott, Tim Gilbert, Jackie Ashurst (now Blackpool), Gordon Chisholm, Wayne Entwistle (now Leeds), Shaun Elliott.

MIDDLE ROW: Charlie Ferguson (Development officer), Joe Bolton, Steve Whitworth, Mick Henderson (now Watford), Ian Watson, Barry Siddall, Chris

R LAND



Turner, Alan Brown, Jeff Clarke, John Watters (physio).

FRONT ROW: George Herd (coach), Mick Buckley, Wilf Rostron (now Watford), Frank Clark (asst. manager), Ken Knighton (manager), Gary Rowell, Bryan Robson, Peter Eustace (coach).

'NEWCASTLE TO PIP SUNDERLAND FOR PROMOTION'

predicts West Ham's Trevor Brooking



'BOAM IS UNITED ACE'

STUART Boam is the difference in the Newcastle defence. He has strengthened the side a lot since he arrived there. He is strong in the air, organises well and was always the backbone of the Middlesbrough side. Now, he is doing the same job for Newcastle and to me, he is the reason behind Newcastle's improvement this season.

Goalkeeper Steve Hardwick isn't that tall but he possesses tremendous reactions. The St. James' Park club's defensive record has been good this season and with the two centre-backs they've got, Hardwick hasn't had that much to do.

A good defence is the key to any promotion-seeking side. Home games are important but away fixtures decide who goes up. Newcastle have picked up quite a few points away and to me, that's a strong indication why they will be favourites to go up.

In midfield, Terry Hibbitt has always done a good job, but I believe he has been playing better than ever this season. Terry is a menace. Defenders never know

what he is going to do next. He's very accurate, and his shots are deceptive. He is a very dangerous player coming forward, perhaps not so prominent in defence.

Tommy Cassidy, the Irish midfielder man, seems to have improved his shooting, too, this season and I like the way he finds space in midfield.

The front three? They're all potential goalscorers and the arrival of Billy Rafferty was vitally important. He's played at a higher level, has the experience needed and with Alan Shoulder feeding off the two big men, Withe and Rafferty, they've got a forward line with variety and menace. Rafferty is a proven goalscorer and Peter Withe has been playing particularly well this season. Withe is a hard man to mark out of a game. The front men might lack mobility but that doesn't matter very much in Division Two. It could be different in the First but here, you just need a big man or two to snap a goal out of nothing, particularly in crucial away games. They'll do that and I think Newcastle will be promoted this season.

I TIPPED Sunderland to go up at the start of the season — and I wasn't alone. But I think there may have been too many changes in too short a time. New players need time to settle and Sunderland can't give them that.

They were desperately unlucky not to go up last season. They were as good as two of the promoted teams. But that's in the past. Their away record mystifies me. They've got a good young goal-keeper in Chris Turner, and their two centre-backs are as good as any others in the Division.

Jeff Clarke and Shaun Elliott have a fine understanding while Joe Bolton comes forward well to supplement the front men. And Steve Whitworth is very experienced, quick and a good reader of situations. Why that back four has been beaten so often while travelling is beyond me. They ought to have one of the best away records in the League.



Claudio Marangoni, still trying to settle into midfield at Roker Park.

'TOO MANY CHANGES AT ROKER'

I know midfield is the department Sunderland have been concerned about this season and that may be linked with the defensive problems away from home. They bought Marangoni, and Cummins has also played in the middle, even though he's not a recognised midfielder man.

Newcastle have got experienced midfield players. At Roker Park Marangoni is new to British football and is bound to need time to adapt; Cummins is new to the role.

You've got to think in midfield — defence and attack as well as organising the middle. It's no good pushing everyone forward because the defence will be exposed. I'm wondering whether that is what has happened. Perhaps their middle three are not used to working in defence but you've got to do it these days. If the back four suddenly are outnumbered, it's a hopeless situation and Sunderland's record away from home indicates something of

the sort.

Up-front, my old team-mate Bryan Robson is still one of the best finishers I've seen. He'll always score goals, even if he doesn't come into the game for an hour. He's had some different players to work with but has it all, craft, cunning and experience. He'll keep scoring.

Barry Dunn has done well on the wing and it can't have been easy. Building up your own rhythm is hard enough let alone when the side is being altered.

John Hawley is the type of player Robson will enjoy feeding off. Bryan could work either side of him and be effective wherever he goes. Hawley is a good signing, the sort of player you need in Sunderland's position.

It was a moment to remember for England exile Tony Woodcock when he scored his first League goal for FC Cologne (right) in the 4-1 defeat of Borussia Dortmund, much to his teammates' delight (below).

JOY FOR WOODY...



But England's other Bundesliga star Kevin Keegan was not so happy. He headed a goal in Hamburger SV's 2-2 draw with Borussia Mönchengladbach (below, left) but then limped off with an injured ankle after a bad foul (below).

DESPAIR FOR KEVIN



GOALLINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Diane Mason of Essington, Wolverhampton, who wins our Special Prize of £5. She writes:

GOOD EXAMPLE BY COVENTRY

★ What a splendid example Coventry City set to the rest of the football world recently. Their investment in undersoil heating has enabled them to stage the only League game in the West Midlands when frost has bitten; their investment in youth (six players under 20 in the side) enabled them to beat Liverpool (right), who fielded only one player under 26.

Hats off to The Sky Blues who, for so long, seemed destined to be in Division Three or the lower half of Division Two.



● Coventry are the yardstick for anyone who wants a well run club on a small budget. They have a fine ground, good playing surface, a promising team and a go-ahead board.

Keep Under-21

I WAS surprised to read in **SHOOT** that Danny McGrain would like to see Scotland's Under-21 side scrapped.

At least the youngsters have qualified for the Under-21 European Championship Finals, unlike the seniors.

Danny says the gap between the Under-21's and the full team is too large, but England have produced several players for the full side from the Under-21's.

Maybe the answer is for Scotland to restore their 'B' team, as England have done, to bridge the gap between the young and senior sides.

DAVID ELLIS,
NELSON.

● The West Germans have operated without an Under-21 team; instead, they use a 'B' side to test would-be internationals. This is a very valuable set-up for any country.

Same for soccer?

I WAS watching the end of the England/Ireland rugby international and I was amazed at the commentator's reaction to the pitch-invasion by the fans. He said: "It's a marvellous sight... such happiness and joy spreading all over the ground."

If this occurred in soccer, the fans would be branded as hooligans.

IAN SEFTON,
LIVERPOOL.

● Chances are they would be.

Thanks Graham

I WOULD like to congratulate Watford manager Graham Taylor for the sportsmanship he showed after his team had beaten Harlow 4-3. His attitude is, for me, what football is all about. Thanks a lot, Graham.

MICHAEL SANDERS,
CADBURY HEATH.



● Not only do Watford have one of the best managers in the League, he's also one of the nicest. I agreed with Taylor's (above) sentiments: that Harlow aren't quickly forgotten after their Cup exploits.

Petrified Clough

AFTER the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, the BBC showed an old Humphrey Bogart film, which in view of the afternoon's results and Liverpool's victory, I wondered if Brian Clough was watching.

The film was *The Petrified Forest*!

JOANNE PICKLEY,
DEWSBURY.

● Maybe the old Beatles film would have been more appropriate — Help!

'Wolves must



beware of Watford's strike force'

WHATEVER our result in the League Cup Semi-Finals second-leg tie against Swindon Town at Molineux on Wednesday night, it won't affect Saturday's F.A. Cup Fifth Round match against Watford. I'm writing this column before the Swindon game, so I can't really comment except to say if we're not yet at Wembley we don't deserve to get there.

It was the draw we wanted; it had to be. To avoid Forest and Liverpool was the sort of luck you need at that stage. Swindon are a good side, especially going forward. It was my opinion, though, that they'd be easier to score against than our other Third Division League Cup opponents Grimsby Town. I hope I was correct...

Wolves' League form this season has been patchy. We've rarely strung four good performances together, although I've said all along that this is a transitional season for the club. Under the circumstances, we've done well to be chasing for honours in the Cups.

I must admit, however, that even

in Cup-ties we've had the rub of the green and the old cliché that you need the breaks to win the Cup is certainly true.

I remember against Grimsby, for instance, at Blundell Park, one of their forwards shot... the ball hit our crossbar... bounced down... I saw the referee put the whistle near his mouth... but then he realised the ball hadn't crossed the line and waved play on.

At least we have a home draw on Saturday and remembering that Cup giants such as Liverpool and Arsenal are still involved, to play Watford at Molineux has got to be a favourable draw for us.

Mind you, Watford have been involved in some memorable Cup shocks in recent seasons as Manchester United, Stoke City, Newcastle United, Queens Park Rangers

and, going back ten years, even Liverpool will testify.

Their manager, Graham Taylor, is one of the best young bosses around. I have the greatest of admiration for what he's achieved during his relatively short managerial career with Lincoln and now Watford.

I've rarely heard a more sporting speech than the one he gave after his team had narrowly defeated plucky Harlow in the last round.

It would have been easy to dismiss the Isthmian Leaguers, but Graham told *Match of the Day* viewers how well the part-timers had done and how their gallant efforts should not be forgotten now they were out of the Cup.

His team haven't set the Second Division alight, although I get the impression he would like a couple

of seasons or so in Division Two to lay the foundations for the club's push to the top flight. Watford have come up the League very quickly and it's important to be ready for the First Division; too many clubs have won promotion and simply haven't been geared for the big time.

Chairman Elton John has set the right example. Despite the money he's made from the pop world, he hasn't given Watford the go-ahead to spend money left, right and centre. The manager has bought wisely and I'm sure Graham and Elton work very closely together.

There is also the experience of Bertie Mee, who steered Arsenal to the Double a decade ago, while Eddie Plumley, who has seen soccer from different viewpoints, is also there behind the scenes.

On the field there is one Wolves old boy, Martin Patching, who will be eager to score against us, just as he did against Harlow. The strike-force of Luther Blissett and fit again Ross Jenkins is a constant danger to opposing defences. These guys score a lot of goals and even though they may be in the lower Divisions, their record is still first-class. Jenkins, who stands well over six feet, is especially dangerous in the air.

Understanding

Watford have a lot of new faces — I believe Taylor has changed half the team this season. Obviously it will take time for the side to build up a true understanding, although they aren't doing badly in the meantime.

John Richards was telling me he's never played against Watford and that the last time the clubs met was in a pre-season friendly a couple of years ago when we won 2-0.

Saturday's game should be exciting as Watford are a team who place the emphasis on attack. After so many away ties in Cup competitions, we've now had two in succession, even though we 'did it the hard way' against Norwich City and won 3-2 at Carrow Road after a 1-1 draw at Molineux.

I was certain we'd scored the winner at Molineux when Dave Thomas slid the ball home, but the referee judged that I'd fouled Kevin Keelan. I disagreed, and got booked for telling the referee so.

Still, we're in the Fifth Round and looking at the other ties, it's possible that seven First Division clubs will be in the last eight. There's only one all-Division One clash, Bolton/Arsenal; the other First Division clubs all face opponents from lower Divisions.

The Cup always produces shocks and chances are there won't be seven First Division teams in Monday's draw. As long as Wolves are there that's all that matters!

Join me in two weeks,

And Good



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Friday, December 21

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Fourth Division

HUDDERSFIELD (3) 5 (Sutton, Cowling, Fletcher, Brown, Robins)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Waldron) 4,550
 Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Cowling.
 Rochdale: Watson; Hart, Snookes, Taylor, Waldron, Bannon, Esser (Jones), Wann, Seal, Weir, Hilditch.

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Tynan)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Kellock) 4,653
 Newport: Dowler; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D) (Gwyther), Oakes, Warriner, Vaughan, Lownes, Tynan, Aldridge, Moore.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Sharkey, Slough, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Syrett, Gynn.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Gregory, Bryant)
PORT VALE (1) 2 (Griffiths 2) 12,022
 Portsmouth: Knight; Ellis, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Davey, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.
 Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Bentley (Elsby), Delgado, Bowles, Beech, Farrell, Wright, Bromage, Chamberlain (N).

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack)
HALIFAX (0) 0 1,473
 Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Deere, Dall, Oates, Green (Cowling), Cammack, Pilling, Partridge, Stewart.
 Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Goodman (Geidmantis), Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Smith, Kennedy, Mountford, Allatt, Burke.



STOCKPORT (1) 4 (Chapman, Larmour o.g., Sword, Henson)
TORQUAY (0) 0 2,310
 Stockport: Lawson; Rutter, Sherlock, Henson, Bradd, Czuczman, Williams, Prudham, Sword, Chapman, Coyle.
 Torquay: Turner, Larmour, Ritchie, Wilson, Bourne, Sermanni, Smith (Levy), Lawrence, Cooper, Twitchin, Murphy.

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Wooler o.g.)
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Brodie 2) 1,503
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Evans, Edwards, Bramhall, O'Neil, Craven, Lumby, Beamish (Mungall), Kerr.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett (Longhorn), Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor.

WIGAN (0) 2 (Wright, Gore pen)
CREWE (0) 0 4,316
 Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Quinn, Urquhart.
 Crewe: Grobbelaar; Wilkinson, Bowers, McMahon, Scott, Proffitt, Nelson, Guy, Coyne, Chesters, Bevan.

YORK (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Williams) 1,990
 York: Neenan; Kay, Harrison, Ford, James, Clements, Randall, Lorimer, Loggie, McDonald, Wellings.
 Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Williams, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

LINCOLN v HEREFORD postponed.

Saturday, December 22

First Division

DERBY (1) 1 (Davies pen)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Davies o.g., McDermott pen, Johnson) 24,945
 Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Emery, Powell, Whymark, Davies, Rioch.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

EVERTON (0) 1 (Kidd)
MAN. CITY (2) 2 (Daley, Henry) 26,305
 Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Ross, Hartford, Stanley (Varadi), Latchford, Kidd, King.
 Man. City: Corrigan; Ranson, Donachie, Booth, Caton, Bennett, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Power, Shinton.

MAN. UTD (3) 3 (Jordan 2, McQueen)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 54,522
 Man. Utd: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, Mclroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
 Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowles, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

Liverpool's Ray Kennedy (dark strip) tackles Gerry Daly of Derby.

Second Division

NOTTS CO (2) 2 (O'Brien 2 pens)
NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Shoulder, Connolly) 1,224
 Notts Co: Avramovic; Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Beaven (Christie), Mair.
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe (Connolly), Rafferty, Hibbitt.

F.A. Cup

(Second Round Replays)

MERTHYR (1) 1 (Elliott)
CHESHAM (1) 3 (Rosser o.g., Horastead, Watt) 4,500
 Merthyr: Payne; Petheridge, Jones (P), Holvey, Rosser, Docherty, Sullivan, Jones (D), Caviel, Pratt, Elliott.
 Chesham: Baguley; Griffiths, Smith, Horastead, Dodd, Johnson (P), Jackett, Watt, Martell, Johnson (D), Woolfrey.

SWINDON (1) 3 (Rowland, Mayes 2)
TORQUAY (0) 2 (Tucker o.g., Murphy) 8,250
 Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Ford, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Larmour, Bourne, Sermanni, Davies, Cox (Lawrence), Cooper, Coffill, Murphy.

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (1) 3 (McAdam, Sullivan, Doyle)
MORTON (0) 1 (Tolmie) 27,000
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, McAdam, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey (Doyle), MacLeod, Lennox.
 Morton: Baines; Miller (Brown), Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren, Hutchison, Scott, Tolmie, Ritchie.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 2 (Holt, Pettigrew)
DUNDEE (0) 0 15,000
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine; Stark, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Holt (Murray), Kirkwood.
 Dundee: Donaldson; McGeachie, Schaedler, Mackie, Glennie, McLaren, Ferguson (Barr), Sinclair, Pirie, Shirra, Murphy.

HIBS (0) 2 (Campbell 2)
RANGERS (1) 1 (McLean) 18,740
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Rae, Paterson, McNamara, Callaghan, MacLeod, Higgins, Campbell, Best.
 Rangers: Young; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (T), Jackson, Stevens, McLean, MacDonald (A) (Smith), Johnstone (Cooper), Watson, MacDonald (J).

PARTICK v ABERDEEN, ST. MIRREN v KILMARNOCK postponed.

Scottish First

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Yule)
AYR (0) 1 (Fleeting) 884
BERWICK (0) 1 (Wheatley)
CLYDE (1) 1 (Kean) 1,059
HAMILTON (2) 3 (Graham, Deeney, Wright)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 1,720

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Irvine, Clinging)
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McGuire) 3,863

DUNFERMLINE v HEARTS, STIRLING v RAITH, DUMBARTON v ST. JOHNSTONE postponed.

Scottish Second

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell I)
E. FIFE (0) 0 400
FALKIRK (3) 4 (Spence 2, Leeton, Burrell)
ALBION (0) 0 1,000

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 80

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Johnson H)
FORFAR (3) 4 (Clark 2, Rae pen, McPhee) 600

Q O S (1) 2 (Dickson, Phillips)
COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Hareley, Markey) 700

STRANRAER (0) 0
QUEEN'S PARK (2) 4 (Gillespie J. 3, McGregor) 500

ALLOA v E. STIRLING postponed.

Irish League

BALLYMENA UTD (0) 2 (McQuiston 2)
ARDS (0) 0
 Ballymena Utd: White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan, Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Neill.

Ards: McCarron; Walker, Cromie, Cullen, McCoy, Gibson, Welsh, Martin, Scott (Patterson), Mowat, Maxwell.

BANGOR (0) 0
CLIFTONVILLE (0) 2 (Bell, Holden)
 Bangor: Irwin; Feeney, McKimm, Rollins (Bowden), Harrison, Cummings, Lennox, McLoughlin, Barrett, McCoubrey, Duddy.
 Cliftonville: Johnston; McGuickan, Largey, Flanagan, Quinn, McCurry, McCusker, Bell, Kingon, O'Connell, Holden.

COLERAINE (0) 3 (Beckett, Dickson, Mahon)
GLENAVON (1) 1 (Hunter)
 Coleraine: Magee; McDowell, McNutt, Beckett, Hutton, McConaghie, Mahon, Foregrave, Platt, Dickson, Moffatt.
 Glenavon: McCullough; Davey, McGuigan, Denver, Stitt, Donnelly, McDonald, O'Kane, Armstrong, Tully, Hunter.

CRUSADERS (0) 0
LINFIELD (0) 1 (McKee)
 Crusaders: McDonald; Strain, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPolin, Kennedy, Currie, King, McAteer (McKiernan), Rice.
 Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jameson, Dornan, McKeown, Nixon, McKee, McCurdy, Feeney (Murray), Anderson.

GLENTORAN (1) 1 (Gracey)
LARNE (0) 0
 Glentoran: Anderson; McCreery (Rab), Carson, Walsh, Moore, Gracey, Irvine, McCreery (Ron), Blackledge, Manley (Dickey), Jamison.
 Larne: Coburn; Wilson, Cleland, McManus, Carland, McAuley, Hardy, Thompson (Galway), Doran, Clarke, Higgins.

PORTADOWN (1) 1 (Gardiner)
DISTILLERY (1) 2 (McMinn 2)
 Portadown: McCollum; Smyth, Donegan, Wilson, Kilburn, Cleary, Gordon, Gardiner, Alexander, Graham, Edgar.
 Distillery: McNulty, Ferris, McGreevy, Keatley, McElhinney, McAuley, Hawkins, Greer, Richardson, McMinn, Cowden.

Sunday, December 23

League of Ireland

BOHEMIANS (1) 4 (Joyce 2, Lawless, McCormack)
FINN HARPS (0) 0
 Bohemians: Davis; Gregg, Brady, Nolan, Burke, Whelan, Kelly, McCormack, Byrne (Evis-ton), Joyce, Lawless.
 Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy, Logan, McLoughlin (C), McGroarty, Collins (McLoughlin (J)), McGroarty.

CORK UNITED (0) 0
DUNDALK (3) 4 (McConville, Dunning, Muckian, Flanagan (pen))
 Cork Utd: Lennox; Nodwell, O'Donovan, Keane, Lane (R), Lane (J) (Morley), Finnegan, Punch, Allen, McCarthy, Cuthbert (Brohan).
 Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Dunning, Keely, Mangan, Devine, Flanagan, Byrne, Lawlor (Daly), Muckian, Crawley.

DROGHEDA UNITED (0) 0
ST PATRICK'S ATH (1) 3 (Kirwan 2, Malone)
 Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Haughey, Flanagan, Byrne, Ferguson, Freeney (Tuite), Doran, Martin, Leech, Clarke, Carthy.
 St Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Daly, Wright, Murphy, Doyle (Munnely), Browning, Hynes, Jameson, Malone, Kirwan (O'Donnell).

GALWAY ROVERS (0) 2 (Nolan, Collins)
WATERFORD (1) 2 (Madigan (pen), Gardiner)
 Galway Rovers: Lally; Herrick, Murphy, Sheehan, McDaid, Nolan, Cooke, Mannion, Collins, Cassidy, Gaynor.
 Waterford: Thomas; Hall, Finucane, Dunphy, Gardiner, Carey, Jackson, McCarthy, Murray, Madigan, Keane.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Wednesday, December 26

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 48,357
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Devine, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.
Tottenham: Aleksic; Hughton, McAllister, Yorath, Smith, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Armstrong (Galvin), Hoddle, Pratt.



Alan Sunderland
(Arsenal)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Carter)
EVERTON (0) 1 (McBride) 18,220
Bolton: McDonagh; Clement, Burke, Greaves, Allardice, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore (Carter), Gowing, Cantello, McNab.
Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, O'Keefe, Hartford, Stanley, Varadi, Kidd, McBride.

BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Horton pen, Ward, Ryan)
C. PALACE (0) 0 28,358
Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom (Fenwick), Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Francis, Flanagan, Swindlehurst, Hilaire.

DERBY (1) 1 (Clark)
COVENTRY (0) 2 (McDonald, English) 15,531

Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Clark, Powell, Whymark (Emery), Davies, Emsom.
Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Ferguson, Blair, English.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Hanson, Johnson)
MAN. UTD (0) 0 51,073
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
Man. Utd: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas (Grimes).

MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Power)
STOKE (1) 1 (Dodd) 36,286
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Donachie, Bennett, Caton, Booth, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Power, Shinton.
Stoke: Fox; Evans, Johnson (P), Doyle, Smith, Dodd, Heath, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Randall.

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Jankovic 2, Armstrong)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Entwistle) 26,655
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochran, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Hart, Greenhoff (Entwistle), Gray, Hird, Connor, Curtis, Harris.

NORWICH (2) 3 (Taylor, Mendham, Robson)
IPSWICH (1) 3 (Gates, Muhren, Wark) 24,335
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown (Fashanu), Jones, Mendham, Taylor, Robson, Paddon, Peters.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Muhren, Mills, Gates, Brazil.

NOTT FOREST (0) 2 (Robertson pen, Bowles)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw) 30,979
Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Bowyer, Bowles, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.
Aston Villa: Spink; Swain, Gibson, Ormsby, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw.

W.B.A. (0) 3 (Owen, Barnes 2)
BRISTOL C. (0) 0 19,564
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Treweek, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Deehan, Regis, Owen, Barnes.
Bristol C.: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Kenyon, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Tainton, Royle, Mabbutt, Mann (Meyer).

WOLVES (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 22,808
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Brazier, Daniel, McAile, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Bell, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.

Second Division

BRISTOL R. (0) 4 (Waddle o.g., Dennehy 3)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Waddle) 9,230
Bristol R.: Thomas; Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Taylor, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, Penny, Dennehy, Puliis.
Swansea: Letheran; Evans, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Giles, Craig, Attley, James, Waddle, Mahoney.

BURNLEY (1) 3 (Hamilton, Smith, Dobson pen.)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Barton, Shoulder) 16,433
Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Burke, Overson (V), Rodaway, James (Cavener), Dobson, Hamilton, Young, Smith.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy (Carney), Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Connolly, Rafferty, Hibbitt.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Biley, Reilly 2)
OLDHAM (1) 3 (Steel, Valentine, Stainrod) 5,298
Cambridge: Webster; Stringer, Smith, Calderwood, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins, Murray.
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Valentine, Halom, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Pontin)
FULHAM (0) 0 8,354
Cardiff: Grotier; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Stevens, Ronson, Hughes (Moore).
Fulham: Payton; Peters, Strong, Money, Banton, Gale, Greenaway, Beck, Maybank, Lock, Davies.

CHARLTON (0) 0
NOTTS CO. (0) 0 6,894
Charlton: Wood; Hazell, Gritt (Wilson), Tyde-man, Barry, Madden, Powell, Jacobsen, Hales Warman, Robinson.
Notts Co.: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch (Christie), Mason, Hooks, Beavon, Mair.

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Fillery)
LEICESTER (0) 0 25,320
Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker Harris.

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Byrne (Wilson), Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

PRESTON (1) 3 (Elliott, Bruce, Bell)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 8,875
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, Elliott, Potts, Bruce.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Higgins Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Chapman, Dungworth, Maguire.

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Arnott)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Vinter) 29,567
Sunderland: Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Cummins, Brown, Robson, Marangoni (Rowell).
Wrexham: Davies; Darracott (Roberts), Kenworthy, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Hill.

WATFORD (0) 0
LUTON (0) 1 (Stephens) 20,227
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Downes, Blissett, Mercer, Train, Roston.
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hutton, Moss. Q.P.R. v ORIENT and WEST HAM v BIRMINGHAM postponed.

Third Division

BLACKBURN (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 0 8,531
Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Parkes, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Kendall (Round).
Mansfield: Arnold; Thompson, Mann, Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Thomson, Taylor, Austin, Lathan, Allen.

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Weston, Kellow)
HULL (1) 2 (Edwards 2) 4,535
Blackpool: McAister; Gardner, Pashley, McEwan, Ashurst, Harrison, Hockaday, Doyle, Spence (Thompson), Kellow, Weston.
Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Haigh, Croft, Skipper, DeVries, Roberts, Moss, Edwards, Norrie, Phillips.

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McNichol, Fear)
CHESTER (0) 2 (Sutcliffe, Jones) 10,140
Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Salman, Carlton, Fear, Smith, Graham, Phillips.
Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Walker, Birch, Crawford)
CARLISLE (1) 2 (MacDonald, Bonnyman) 5,002
Chesterfield: Kendall; Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker Salmons, Crawford.
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, Collins MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker McVitie, Bonnyman, Bannon, Hamilton, Beardsley.

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Packer, Allinson)
GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Overton, Westwood) 5,145
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Dyer, Wright, Foley, Lee, Allinson.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Bruce, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

GRIMSBY (1) 3 (Kilmore 2, Cumming)
BARNLEY (0) 0 14,150
GrimsbY: Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford (Liddell), Kilmore, Mitchell, Cumming.
Barnley: Springett; Flavell, Collins, Glavin, Hunter, McCarthy, Banks, Clarke, Aylott (Pugh), Graham, Lester.

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Randell, Kearney o.g.)
READING (0) 0 6,484
Plymouth: Crudgington; James, Harrison, Randell, Foster, Philipson-Masters, Hodges, Cooper, Sims, Bason, Graves (Cook).
Reading: Death; Joslyn, White, Bowman, Kearney, Moreline, Earles, Kearns, Heale, Sanchez (Williams), Lewis.

HOME FARM (0) 0
ATHLONE TOWN (1) 3 (Clarke, Salmon pen), Smith)
Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Breslin, King (Archbold), Brady, Neville, Cervi, O'Neill, McCluskey, Craig, Williams.
Athlone Town: Keenan; Smith, Fullam, McCue, Feniuk, O'Connor, Wyse, Clarke, Davis, Salmon, Devlin.

SLIGO ROVERS (1) 1 (Hulmes)
SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 6 (Campbell 3, Gaffney, Gannon, Buckley)
Sligo Rovers: Paterson; Fielding, Rutherford, Stenson, O'Doherty D (Cavanagh), Patton, O'Doherty (G), Fagan, McLoughlin, Bradley, Hulmes.
Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Mulligan, Synnott, O'Leary, Burke, Treacy, Gannon, Gaffney, Byrne, Campbell, Buckley.

THURLES TOWN (1) 3 (Steedman 2 pen), Tierney)
SHELBORNE (1) 2 (McMahon, Donnelly)
Thurles Town: Cawley; Seymour, Doran, O'Brien, Tierney, Heffernan, Sheehy (Conway), Lawson, Steedman, Humphries (Lyons), Jenkins.
Shelbourne: Delahunt; Boyle, Dillon, McMahon, Cleary, Moody, Nugent, Donnelly, Delamere, Byrne, O'Neill (Kearney).

UCD (0) 0
LIMERICK UTD (5) 7 (Morris 4, Duggan, Walsh, Doyle o.g.)
UCD: McCabe; O'Riordan, Cowhie (Scully), Deeny, Doyle (McKeown), McGovern, Cassidy, Fox, Drury, Dignam, Moran.
Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Fitzgerald, O'Mahony, Hand, Meaney, Nolan, Morris, Kennedy (Matthews), Walsh (McDonald), Duggan.

Monday, December 24

F.A. Cup

(Second Round)

NORTHWICH (0) 0
WIGAN (1) 3 (Quinn, Gore, Methven) 7,500
 (abandoned after 65 minutes)

F.A. Cup

(Second Round replay)

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Gregory, Laidlaw, Bryant)
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Lewington, Denny 2) a.e.t. 17,000
Portsmouth: Knight; Ellis, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Davey (Perrin), Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Jones, Galliers (Cunningham), Bowgett, Downes, Dziadulewicz, Parsons, Denny, Cork, Lewington.

F.A. Cup

(Second Round second replay)

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Burke, Smith)
WALSALL (0) 0 a.e.t. 6,530
Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Burke, Smith, Stafford.
Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Williams, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough (Rees), Buckley, Caswell.

Scottish Cup

(First Round replay)

FALKIRK (0) 0
Q. of S (1) 4 (Coughlin, Robertson 3) 2,000

Scottish Cup

(First Round second replay)

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell 1)
E. STIRLING (0) 0 440

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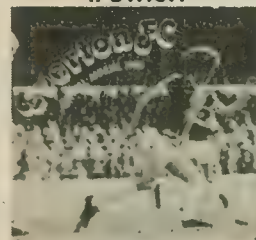
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-a dream move for Dom Sullivan

If ever there was a dream move for a player it was Dom Sullivan's £80,000 transfer from Aberdeen to Celtic.

"I have arrived at last," said the likeable Sullivan. "I've wanted to play for this club all my life. I was beginning to think I would never get here."

Sullivan's words cannot be doubted. A SHOOT reporter was talking to him when he was still a Clyde player EIGHT years ago, and the talk got round to Ally Hunter's move from Kilmarnock to Celtic.

"What a lucky guy," said Sullivan at the time. "What I would give to swap places with him. I can only hope and wait. It seems just too good to be true that things like that can happen, though."

Entertaining

Sullivan eventually left Clyde, but it was nowhere near Parkhead... instead he took his exciting, entertaining midfield skills to Pittodrie with Aberdeen. It was a good move for Sullivan at the time, although near the end of his spell with The Dons he was unsettled and twice asked for a move.

Ironically, though, the transfer to Aberdeen led him to joining Celtic. Billy McNeill started his managerial career at Pittodrie, and was sufficiently impressed by Sullivan to remember his talent and bring him to Parkhead as soon as the opportunity arose.

Twenty-four hours after Sullivan had realised his lifelong ambition and signed the contract that made him a Celtic player, he was thrown into the deep end... a debut against Rangers at Parkhead!

It was a baptism of fire for Sullivan in front of 56,000 fans... the biggest crowd in Britain that afternoon. Sullivan waved to the Celtic fans just before the kick-off and then set about trying to demolish the Rangers rearguard with his subtle, thoughtful approach.

Sullivan's first touch of the ball



Dom Sullivan avoids a tackle from Rangers' Kenny Watson.

earned a great cheer from the Celtic fans when, right from the kick-off, he accepted a pass and brilliantly sidestepped a challenge from Alex MacDonald. There was no stopping him after that.

"What a fabulous experience," said Sullivan. "The atmosphere was simply amazing. I have fulfilled my greatest ambition at last."

Sullivan's day would have been complete with a goal, but he was denied a spectacular effort in the second-half. A high ball dropped at his feet 18 yards out, he controlled it, stepped forward and then swept in a rising shot which was heading for the top corner of the net until Peter McCloy fingertipped it over the crossbar.

But scoring breathtaking efforts at Parkhead is not something entirely new to Sullivan. Three years ago he netted one for Aberdeen in a 2-2 draw that even brought applause from the Celtic supporters.

He sliced open the Parkhead rearguard with a series of one-twos and strode into the penalty-area before hammering an unstoppable right foot shot past the helpless Peter Latchford.

"I'll be looking for some more like that," jokes Sullivan, "only this time, of course, for Celtic!"

Sullivan has waited a long time to get to Parkhead. He has no intention of wasting too much time congratulating himself. As he showed against Rangers he is eager to get down to the task on hand immediately.

He will most certainly play an exciting part in Billy McNeill's green machine. Just try stopping him. And the European Cup could just be the perfect arena for Dom Sullivan to display his talents. The club captured the trophy back in 1967, now, with a place in the last eight already guaranteed, his dream could soon be completed.

Some of the fun missing from Gayfield

Scottish managers were visibly shaken recently by the news that Arbroath boss Albert Henderson had parted company with the club after a staggering 18 years in charge at Gayfield.

If any job in Scotland was regarded as secure it was Henderson's post. He was more than just a manager, he was an institution, but when the time came for him to move on even he could not escape the axe.

Henderson was afforded a luxury some managers miss... that of resigning.

Officially he decided to leave, but there can be little doubt that the former Dundee player would have been sacked if the crunch had come. On the night he left, Arbroath announced his succes-

Henderson has one regret, though. He says: "I would have been much happier to have left the club in a better position in the League."

When he moved out, Arbroath were third bottom of the First Division and staring relegation straight in the face.

But the news that even a small and homely club such as Arbroath can be so ruthless these days certainly underlines the pressure and strain that is evident in Scotland at the moment.

Henderson's ejection came just one week after Hearts had decided to dispense with the services of former Scotland manager Willie Ormond. Simply, it means that not one single Scottish manager can feel safe now.

Hardly anyone has escaped scathing criticism this season from fans who demand to be entertained by winning teams. Even Celtic, heading for their second successive Premier Division title, have had to face grumbings although Billy McNeill, of course, must be in what is considered a 'safe' seat. Celtic, after all, have had only five bosses in almost 100 years of football! And McNeill is doing a good job, too.

Victims

One Scottish boss puts it this way: "If Albert Henderson can get the sack, then anyone can. I can't imagine Arbroath without him sitting in their dug-out."

Only two weeks had gone into the 80's when both Ormond and Henderson found themselves out of a job, victims of the strain game. Others will surely follow.

The managerial merry-go-round is due for an almighty spin and there could be shocks in store for fans throughout Scotland. There have already been rumours that Hibs manager Eddie Turnbull might be given a new job at Easter Road at the end of the season and that could leave the door open for someone new to have a go at the most precarious job in soccer.

Other managers are walking on thin ice and the next couple of seasons in Scottish soccer will be highly interesting and intriguing.

The longest-serving boss in British football dodged the axe with great skill for 18 nerve-wracking years, but there still came a day when even he couldn't escape.

Manager Jim McLean, of Dundee United, is one of the most sought-after team bosses in the game, but even he says: "There is only one thing absolutely certain when you go into management and that is that you will be sacked one day."



Albert Henderson

sor, their former player Ian Stewart, who had been guiding the fortunes of Brechin.

The remaining 18 months of 50-year-old Henderson's contract will be honoured and he will receive a testimonial next season from Arbroath. Britain's longest-serving boss certainly deserves these honours.

"I have had a good innings," said Henderson simply after the shock news. "I've enjoyed many good years at Gayfield."

"However, some of the fun has gone out of the game over the last three seasons. But I am leaving Arbroath on good terms. Thankfully, there has been no nastiness. Arbroath have looked after me as much as they can and I can't complain."

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'Extreme' Breitner

SINCE the great days of Franz Beckenbauer, Sepp Maier and Gerd Müller, Bayern Munich have rebuilt their side, but one outstanding player remains from the early 70's: Paul Breitner.

The 28-year-old midfield player left Bayern for spells with Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund. Now, he is back in Munich playing better than ever, even though rows with F.A. officials keep him out of the national side.

"Paul is the most extreme guy I know," says team-mate Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. "He simply isn't interested in second or third place. It's Number One or nothing for him, even in training."

Breitner's competitive spirit has rubbed off on the other players and he was rated as one of three German world-class players by the magazine *Kicker* recently.

Paul is often compared with Beckenbauer by the German Press, who say: "The clothes of Kaiser Franz do not fit Paul, but he is the ruler of Bayern."

Bayern are favourites to win the Bundesliga and are still in the U.E.F.A. Cup. Breitner says: "I feel we can improve by 10-15 per cent."

They face stiff competition for the German title from Hamburger SV and Cologne. It promises to be an interesting Spring in Germany.

WORLD WIDE



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At the halfway mark in the Spanish League, Real Sociedad had achieved the remarkable feat of having played every team in the League without being beaten — and edged ahead of Real Madrid in the table on goal average.

For the record, of the 153 matches played in the first half of the programme, 86 were home wins; 48 were draws; and only 19 were away. Nine of the 18 teams had failed to record an away victory; 29 red cards had been shown at an average of one per five matches; and a hefty 332 yellow cards had been shown, at an average of over two per match.

The Rat is back

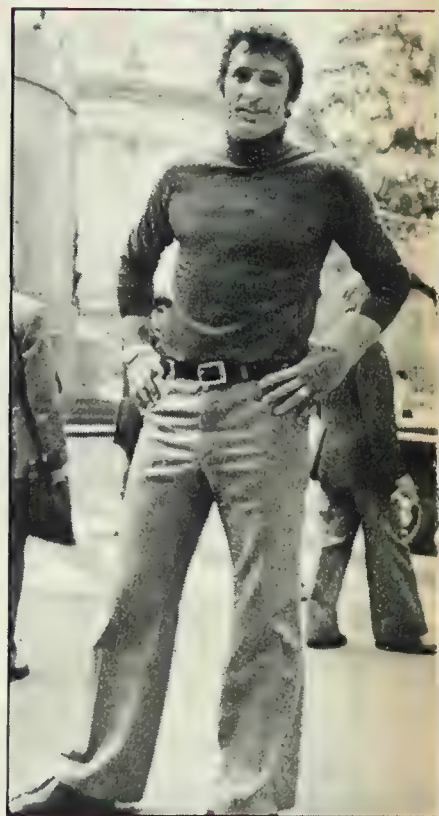
ONE man who's almost certainly going to be gracing this page regularly this year is our old Argentinian friend from the 1966 World Cup, Antonio 'The Rat' Rattin, who's just accepted the post as manager to famous Buenos Aires club, Boca Juniors. Forty-two-year-old Rattin was a Boca player for 22 years, and it was only a matter of time before he rejoined the ex-Champions.

Boca president Armando offered him the job in 1976, but Rattin declined, saying he wanted some experience as a manager first.

He immediately joined provincial Estudiantes de Rio Cuarto; moved on to Gimnasia y Esgrima in 1977; dabbled as a go-between in 1978, when he fixed up Sabella's move to Sheffield United; moved to Peru in 1979 before returning to Gimnasia; now he has the job he always wanted.

Rattin's big chance follows Juan Carlos Lorenzo's departure from Boca. Boca are in deep financial trouble and are currently trying to persuade their players to accept new contracts which don't allow for any win bonuses.

Many of the squad are reluctant to accept a drop in earnings and "Toto" Lorenzo, sensing a year of unrest, rapidly signed for Racing at a salary of £85,000 a year.



Hate campaign against Barcelona?

EVERYONE'S touchy in Barcelona these days, as the multi-million pound team struggles to break out of the middle-of-the-table bunch. After having three men sent-off in successive games and conceding a blatantly offside goal in the derby against Espanol, the club's president went on record as saying there was a campaign of discrimination, hate and persecution against FC Barcelona. Amazing the things people say when a team isn't playing well...

The only bright note among Barca's many problems was that new-signing Roberto (see story opposite page) hit their two goals in his debut against Almeria. Barcelona paid Vasco da Gama £375,000 for the Brazilian World Cup striker who hit three goals in five matches in Argentina. Nicknamed Bob Dynamite (he even signs autographs in this way) he had a poor first appearance, but made amends by rifling home a penalty in the 81st minute. And in the last minute of the game he hit the net again after his shot had cannoned off a defender's back for a freak deflection.

News flashes

The first big match of the year in Belgium was Beveren v Lokeren, Champions v League leaders. Champions Beveren subdued Lokeren's top scorer, the Dane Stefan Larsen, and won 1-0, with a goal scored by Bert Cluytens. That was only Lokeren's second defeat of the season, and the crowd was 17,000, which is very good for Belgium.

The day Kevin Keegan (below) announced officially that he would be leaving Hamburg at the end of the season an enormous crowd gathered outside his house. When he came out to go training, the fans attacked his car, a Mercedes 450 SLC, and did £1,000 worth of damage to it.



Bulgaria Footballer of the Year is Atanas Michailov, the captain of Lokomotive Sofia.

Footballer of the Year in the Soviet Union is Vitali Staruchin of Schachtjor Donezk, who was the 1979 season's top scorer with 26 goals.

Already qualified for the European Championship, West Germany stage their last qualifying game against Malta on February 27th in Bremen. The last time an international was staged in Bremen was more than 40 years ago on 23.5.39 when Germany drew 1-1 with the Republic of Ireland. Their scorer that day was... Helmut Schoen (right)!



Portuguese Division One club Estoril have some famous names in their line-up. At right-back is Bastos Lopez, younger brother of the Benfica international of the same name and in attack... Eusebio, Torres and Simoes. The last named trio are none other than the three Benfica stars of the glory days under Bela Cuttmann in the 1960's.

When the Polish First Division resumes in March, Champions Ruch Chorzow face an uphill climb if they are to retain their title, eight points behind the unfashionable League leaders Szombierki Bytom. Translated, Szombierki means... 'fair'... as in fairground with swings and roundabouts!

Belgian First Division club Hasselt made a lucrative offer to Josef Masopust, whom they would like as manager. Masopust scored the first goal for the Czechs in the World Cup Final against Brazil back in 1962 and today is boss of Brno, the Czech club still in the U.E.F.A. Cup. Masopust rejected the offer and Hasselt then switched to Lothar Emmerich who played for West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final.

The Madrid derby between Atlético and Real was once more a big box-office success, with gate receipts totalling £205,000. The match ended in the traditional 1-1 draw.

Once the euphoria of winning the Chilean Championship had died away, the directors of Colo Colo find themselves with a big problem on their hands — the club hasn't enough cash to pay their players' contracts. Their answer has been to seek a company that would like to put its name on Colo Colo's white shirts. The price? £220,000 per season.

Forty-seven-year-old ex-French international Just Fontaine has taken over as coach to the Moroccan national team. Fontaine, incidentally, was born in Morocco's Marrakesh in 1933.

Olympique Marseille have rescinded their contract with Tunisian World Cup Temime, the tricky winger who joined them as a super-signing during the summer. Temime, 30, found it hard to adapt to European-style training schedules and his performances were far too erratic for the liking of the Marseille management and fans. Temime has bought his 'freedom' for £15,000 and has now joined Esperance back in his native Tunisia.

Nantes full-back Maxime Bossis (right) was named French Player of the Year for 1979. Nice's Yugoslav striker Nenad Bjekovic was named top imported player. And the Revelation of 1979 was none other than Monaco midfielder Didier Christophe — the 'unknown' who almost signed for Brighton this time last year.



A Spanish referee has been suspended for nine weeks after beating up a player.

Real Sociedad stayed top of the Spanish League — and unbeaten in 11 games — with a 2-1 away win against Espanol. It was the San Sebastian side's second victory in 36 visits to the stadium at Sarriá!

A friendly match between Mexico and El Salvador ran into trouble, and had to be abandoned when the El Salvador team walked off with the score at 1-1. Their retreat came after the referee had sent-off four of their players.

Colo Colo clinched their 12th Chilean League title by beating defending Champions Palestino 1-0. With two matches to play, Universidad de Chile, O'Higgins and Cobreloa were still battling for second place, with 42 points apiece.

The Bulgarian F.A. have appointed yet another national team manager. Dobromir Tachkov, manager at Wembley where Bulgaria lost 2-0, has been replaced by the manager of Slavia Sofia, Atanas Parjelov.

JULIO Mazzei, the Brazilian who is at the moment manager of the Cosmos, seems to have come to the end his patience with fellow countryman and left-back Francisco Marinho (right). In other words, Cosmos are ready to sell Marinho, especially because they have bought Brazilian centre-back Oscar and Paraguayan striker Romero (World-Wide, February 9th).

"As from next season we will need to field three U.S. players at all times in North American Soccer League games," says Mazzei, "and having acquired Oscar and Romero too we will have to get rid of one of the other players. He will be Marinho, because he is the one who least adapted himself to football in the United States."

As Mazzei says, everybody in the Cosmos team, from Chinaglia to Carlos Alberto and Beckenbauer, complains that Marinho only wants to play for himself.

"The crowds love him," says Mazzei, "but the opposition keep scoring where Marinho should be, but never is."

The problem seems to be that Marinho never plays according to tactics. "If I line him up as left-back, he will play as outside-left," says Mazzei. "In desperation, I once lined him up as outside-left; he played in midfield. He has no sense of responsibility as far as the team is concerned, and if I kept him in the team people would end up saying that I was doing it to protect a fellow countryman."

But there is a countryman of Mazzei who is doing very well at Cosmos. He is



Carlos Alberto, who will play one more year for the Cosmos, even though he is 36. And next year?

"Next year he will have a job teaching American youngsters to play football. He will have an office right alongside mine and he will be responsible for our young players," says Mazzei.

■ In June, Cologne coach Hennes Weisweiler will take over at the Cosmos. He has signed a three-year contract.

World Cup winner back

ARGENTINA'S World Cup full-back Jorge Olguin will shortly be back in action after an eight-month lay-off. The 27-year-old, with over 30 Argentine caps to his credit, walked out on San Lorenzo last year because they were so far behind with his wages. The money received from Sunderland for Claudio Marangoni enabled San Lorenzo to pay the rest of the squad, but they decided that the best solution to Olguin's problems was to transfer him. So when the Metropolitan Championship kicks-off soon Olguin will be lining up in the red shirt of Independiente.

WEST Germany began the U.E.F.A. Cup campaign with five entrants, and they are all still there in the Quarter-Finals, out of eight participants. The best performances have been by Borussia Mönchengladbach, under former left-winger Jupp Heynckes, at 34 the youngest trainer in the Bundesliga.

Borussia accounted for Inter Milan and in the last round put out Universitatea Craiova despite a lot of aggro.

In Craiova, an estimated 4,000 Rumanians assembled in the square facing the Borussia hotel at 3 a.m. on match day blowing horns, ringing bells and chanting "Craiova, Craiova."

Heynckes called the hotel manager and the police, but they did not arrive to clear the crowd until ten o'clock!

But Borussia still won through, winning where Leeds United failed.

KEVIN O'CALLAGHAN as good as gold

IT was ironic that Kevin O'Callaghan should move from Millwall to Ipswich on the day the price of gold rocketed to an all-time high.

Because, as he unveiled his new star at a Press conference at Portman Road, Ipswich boss Bobby Robson told reporters: "Signing Kevin is as good an investment for this club as going out and buying gold."

He added: "Ipswich had a good run in the 70's, winning the F.A. Cup, competing in Europe and doing consistently well in the League. As manager it is my job to secure the future of the club and that's why I bought Kevin. He's a player for the 80's."

Kevin, just 18 years and three months old on the day he joined the First Division club, was snapped up at a bargain price when Millwall, hit by cash problems, admitted they had to sell.

At one time The Lions were asking £400,000 for the left-winger with the scoring touch. In the end, however, they were happy to settle for about half that amount which still created a new cash record fee for Ipswich.

The Ipswich boss added: "I decided to make a move because I honestly believe that in a few months time Kevin could be worth twice as much. I could not afford to wait until the bigger clubs started sniffing around because they would always be able to outbid us."

"There are few players in the country with Kevin's qualities. He's an orthodox winger but there is so much more to his game than

that. He crosses the ball accurately, can beat opponents and is always looking to score goals."

"I was also impressed with his attitude. Some kids signing for a big fee like that might automatically think of themselves as first team players. But Kevin understood that I was buying him as a long-term investment although, naturally, if he does well enough he'll force me to pick him."

Kevin himself admitted it didn't take him long to decide to join Ipswich. "I knew Mr Robson was interested in me when I played at Portman Road in an F.A. Youth Cup match the week before I signed," he says. "I remember looking around at the facilities and thinking how good they were."

'Problems'

"When I actually got down to negotiating my deal with Ipswich there were no problems. Every player wants to play in the First Division."

"I know I am going to have to play myself into the first team but I'm determined not to have too long to wait."

Kevin, born in London of Irish parents, joined Millwall straight from school when Gordon Jago was in charge and had a short apprenticeship at The Den. Indeed, according to Press reports, Jago offered the incredible sum of £1,000,000 in an effort to lure Kevin and teenage club-mates Tony Kinsella and Dave Mehmet across the Atlantic to Tampa Bay Rowdies, a deal Millwall resisted.

"I never paid too much attention to it," says Kevin. "I didn't want to go to the States in any case. Millwall knew that if I was going to leave them it would be to join a First Division club."

Ipswich buys are few and far between as a result of the Portman Road youth policy but Bobby Robson says: "It may sound like a lot of money to spend on an 18-year-old but I'm

convinced that in two years time Kevin will be doing well enough at the highest level to make the fee look ridiculous."

O'Callaghan signs on the dotted line watched by Ipswich boss Bobby Robson.



Two hosts in 1986?

THE Press and public in Colombia are still not sold on the idea of staging the 1986 World Cup. The Organising Committee estimate they must lay out £6 million to improve their stadia etc. for a 16-nation competition, but an enormous £14 million if the number of participants stays at the 24 that FIFA supreme João Havelange has promised the developing countries. The Colombian FA now want to stage the series jointly with neighbours Peru, while the view of the big T.V. chain in Bogotá says "we should not fritter away our meagre gold reserves to satisfy FIFA."

Threat to Brazil

ROBERTO (nicknamed Bob Dyna-mite), who scored the only goal in the 1-0 win Brazil had over England in the Bicentennial Tournament in the United States in 1976, has been sold to Barcelona, to replace the Austrian Hans Krankl. Vasco da Gama, for whom Roberto used to play, have reputedly been paid £450,000 while Roberto, himself, is expected to get £320,000 for the three years he is going to play in Spain.

The news once again triggered complaints in the Brazilian Press about the feeble financial situation of the country's main clubs, which makes them unable to resist

approaches from European clubs and even American ones, like the Cosmos.

Roberto, now in Barcelona, Oscar, now with the Cosmos, and Dirceu, now playing for Atlético Madrid, were all first choices in the Brazilian team that played in the last World Cup.

The feeling in Brazil is that if Italy lifts the ban on foreigners, players like Zico and Falcão might soon find themselves playing in the peninsula.

And that is saying nothing about that other threat to Brazilian football: the Arab lands. They have invested heavily on young, yet unknown players, who might be vital to Brazilian football in years to come, and in coaches.

Very often the Arabs have hired full Technical Committees, complete with coaches, doctors, trainers and even masseurs, as was the case last year, when the Technical Committee that worked for Fluminense, in Rio de Janeiro, departed to Qatar.

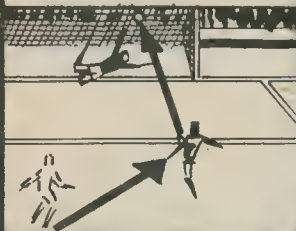


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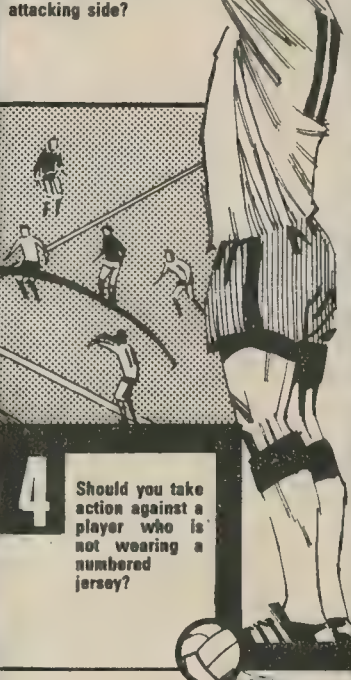
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A player slips as he is about to take a penalty and accidentally mis-kicks the ball which travels approximately three yards. He runs after it and kicks it again into the net. Should you award a goal?



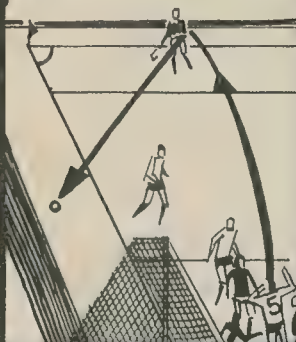
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A defender takes a throw-in, but the wind blows it back over the touch-line before it has been touched by another player. Should you award a throw-in to the attacking side?



3

From a corner-kick the ball is kicked clear by a defender but hits a linesman who is cutting across the field to take up his position on the touch-line. The ball is deflected over the goal-line. Should you award (a) a goal-kick, (b) drop the ball or (c) a corner?



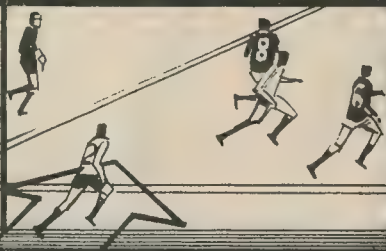
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Should you take action against a player who is not wearing a numbered jersey?



5

Can you allow a player who has left the pitch for injury treatment to enter the pitch while play is still in progress?



ANSWERS

1. No. 2. Yes. 3. A corner (c). You may have noticed that most referees have their linesmen on the goal-line near the 18-yard box for a corner. I disagree with this and have my linesmen by the corner flag so they would never have to go on to the pitch.

'DAVE

IT'S time to vote for the Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year awards, which will be presented at our annual dinner at the London Hilton on Sunday, March 16th, the day after the League Cup Final.

The lads at Old Trafford were talking about this year's awards the other day and found it difficult to come up with likely candidates.

Last season Kenny Dalglish and Liam Brady, the eventual winner, were streets ahead of the rest. They really stood out in the First Division.

This season Kenny is still in fine form, of course, but Liam has hardly set the heather on fire.

The player who has been particularly outstanding, winning my vote as P.F.A. Player of the Year is Kenny's Liverpool club-mate Dave Johnson.

Dave, originally an Everton player, moved to Anfield from Ipswich three-and-a-half years ago and until last season his record wasn't all that spectacular.

Then he was given an extended run in the side and formed a surprisingly lethal partnership with Kenny Dalglish and between them scored 43 goals.

This season, up to the end of January, the pair had accumulated an impressive 35.

It was this sort of form up-front which prompted Ron Greenwood to recall Dave to England duty for the first time in four years for the European Championship match against Eire.

Sharpness

Dave's been a smashing striker over the years, but this season he's added hard work to his acceleration and sharpness in front of goal.

But I suppose Dave's biggest asset this season has been having Dalglish alongside him. If Johnson is voted Player of the Year then I bet he pays tribute to his striking partner in his speech.

Obviously Kenny, the Football Writers' Footballer of the Year last year, will also be in the running for the P.F.A. award.

His goalscoring record speaks for itself, so does his distribution and work off the ball which creates so many chances for others.

Another Liverpool lad likely to poll quite a few votes is Scotland defender Alan Hansen.

There were fears as to his ability to make the grade in the First Division when he first came down from Partick Thistle.

Alan's always had pace. If he had a weakness it was perhaps lack of concentration at times.

No worries about him now, though. Alan has been outstanding since taking over from former skip-

MY SOCCER WORLD

Gordon McQueen



per Emlyn Hughes, now at Wolves.

Topping the First Division goalscorer's chart along with Dave Johnson this season is Southampton's Phil Boyer.

Up to the time of writing he had scored 18 goals at The Dell and only two away — at Wrexham and Anfield.

I don't know how you'd work that out, nor does Phil I'm sure.

If he'd been on target more often on opponents' grounds, at the same time maintaining his home record, Saints would have been pushing United and Liverpool at the top of the First Division.

Ossie Ardiles, Tottenham's popular little Argentinian is bang in form at the moment.

The highlight of the season for him so far was scoring the winner for Spurs against United in our Third Round F.A. Cup replay at Old Trafford.

It was 0-0 with a couple of minutes of extra-time remaining when Ricky Villa got the ball on the edge of the area. Instead of floating in a centre, Villa passed the ball to Ossie who flighted a brilliant shot into the top corner of the net, out of Gary Bailey's reach.

I believe Ossie rates that as the best goal of his career.

His Tottenham team-mate, Glenn Hoddle is my choice for the P.F.A. Young Player of the Year award.

Midfield player Hoddle has also scored some memorable goals this season, including one on his England debut against Bulgaria last November.

He's got great skill on the ball, can shoot with either foot and has tremendous vision. Glenn's not far away from being a world-class player.

Other likely candidates for this award, won last time by West Brom striker Cyrille Regis, includes Manchester City's fine, young centre-half Tommy Caton, Stoke winger Garth Crooks, Vince Hilaire of Palace — and United 'keeper Gary Bailey.

This lad is having a tremendous season. Already an England Under-21 cap I predict Gary will eventually be number one choice for his country.

Q.P.R.'s exciting young striker Clive Allen has burst on to the scene but needs another year to establish himself ... along with Terry Connor of Leeds, and Tot-

JOHNSON

—My Player of the Year'



David Johnson has made a big impact in the Liverpool forward line this season, helped by Kenny Dalglish.

tenham's mighty midget Terry Gibson.

Like most players I enjoy receiving awards. They don't do any harm and are a good morale booster.

I've never won the P.F.A. trophy, although I've been selected for the First Division team on three occasions.

I was also runner-up to Mervyn Day (then West Ham) for the Young Player of the Year award in 1974.

At Leeds I twice won their Player of the Year trophy and have gained similar awards from the Manchester United Supporters' Club.

The most financially rewarding, yet to my mind most meaningless, honour I've received so far was



from the Sunday People newspaper.

Their match reports each week contain points for player's performances and those with the most marks at the end of the season are presented with a cheque and award.

To be honest I don't believe in reporters giving players marks so this award didn't mean much to me.

Mind you, the sports writers still present the most coveted award among the players — The Footballer of the Year Trophy.

There are those who believe the P.F.A. awards are the best because you are chosen by your fellow professionals, but in my opinion players can be too short-sighted when voting.

We only usually play each other a couple of times each season, and apart from that and the odd clip on TV don't get much opportunity to gauge overall form.

Football writers can because they are at matches every week and are in a much better position and more qualified to judge.

Disaster

When players receive their voting forms from the P.F.A. they usually go for the men in form at the time.

I'm glad no other member of the P.F.A., apart from those at Manchester United, were on hand to watch us in action against Hajduk Split recently.

As you know, we recently spent five days in Split, a holiday resort in Yugoslavia.

Our match against Hajduk, Hamburger SV's European Cup Quarter-Final opponents, was a mini-disaster. United lost 6-0, our biggest defeat on foreign soil.

We did compete against 12 men, though, the Hajduk team and the Yugoslavian referee. He gave them two ridiculous penalties and allowed a couple of blatantly offside goals.

But that's no real excuse. The Yugoslav Champions gave United a football lesson and were worthy victors.

The most memorable part of the trip was playing in the magnificent stadium which formed part of a stunning £16 million sports complex.

This Saturday (February 16th), by contrast, United visit Stoke City's Victoria Ground.

I scored a couple of goals in our 4-0 win at Old Trafford earlier in the season. Despite the result we didn't play particularly well.

Let's hope for better form and another two points at the weekend. All the best . . .

Glenn Hoddle



Dave Watson is ordered off by referee Risse in only his second game for Werder Bremen, against Munich 1860. He was subsequently banned for eight weeks.

The DAVE WATSON Story — FINAL PART

DAVE Watson signed for Werder Bremen in June, 1979. Following the success of Kevin Keegan in the Bundesliga with Hamburger SV, Watson visualised no problems with his move abroad. He could not have been more wrong.

"It wasn't German football that caused the problems, simply the club I went to," Dave explained. "I had spent more than ten years establishing myself as a top professional, but at Werder they treated everybody like a novice."

"Most of the players there were part-timers, and they refused to acknowledge the difference between them and the full-time professionals. The financial rewards were substantial, but there was no personal satisfaction to be gained whatsoever, and it didn't take me long to realise I had made a terrible mistake."

The problems began for Watson almost as soon as he arrived in Bremen. The club refused to allow him an interpreter, believing they could translate everything them-

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selves. Then there were problems with his new house, added to the customary problems of adjusting to a new life style for his wife Penny and children Roger, Heather and Gemma.

Watson's first clash with his new club came on the eve of his debut for Werder Bremen. "An article appeared in a German scandal sheet called *Bild*. One of my teammates was complaining that although I had not trained all week because of injury, I was still in the team," Dave said.

"The Germans have this incredible attitude. If you are injured and need treatment during the week, they believe you should not be included in the team."

"This article obviously didn't make me feel welcome, and it all came to a head the following week."

It was Watson's second game for Bremen, against Munich 1860. A clash with Munich's Hermann Bitz left both players on the ground. "Suddenly he got up and charged at me. I pushed him away, and he dived to the ground, rolling around in agony. It was a great indictment of the standard of foreign refereeing that Herr Risse was taken in by this act and sent me off."

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WEST GERMAN DISASTER

Watson was assured by the Bremen officials that he would get a three-week suspension at the most. The German F.A. had other ideas. Determined to make an example of the Englishman, they banned him for eight weeks.

"They claimed they had taken my past record into consideration," says Dave. "I don't believe that. I had only been sent off once before, in 1969 when I was at Rotherham. My past record was exemplary."

Throughout Watson's short stay in Germany, he was troubled by fluid on the left knee. "The treatment I received was archaic. People automatically think of German efficiency, but the medical set-up at Werder was a joke."

There were no medical facilities at the club. An injured player had to travel 15 miles to see the doctor, and after treatment was forced to report back to the trainer so that he could inform all the other players why he had missed training.

"At Bremen, all the players knew exactly what everybody else was up to. Privacy was unheard of. After about three weeks of trekking backwards and forwards, I told the doctor that I wasn't going all the way back to the training ground just to satisfy the curiosity of the rest of the team. I had frequent clashes with the club over this."

Aggravate

The final straw for Dave Watson came during the last week of his suspension. On the Thursday before the game, he injured his right knee in training. He informed the club that he was unable to play because it would only aggravate an already serious injury.

"They told me I had to play even though the right knee was the size of a balloon, and the left had also swelled up again. They finally accepted I wasn't fit, but insisted I travelled with the club to the game."

"I flatly refused. Werder Bremen were the kind of club who would have thrown me my boots ten minutes before the kick-off and told me I was playing. I didn't go, the club fined me £2,000 and that was it."

Since Watson's departure, the Werder Bremen general manager Rudolf Assauer issued a statement proclaiming: "The club will decide when a player is fit. The player in question has no say in the matter." It was obvious to Dave Watson which player they had in mind.

A transfer request was granted, and a move back to England was Watson's only objective. "A return

Back in England, Watson (stripes) has soon settled in at Southampton. Here he outjumps Wayne Entwistle of Leeds.



was mentioned I thought 'he's the man I'd like to play for'.

"Now I'm really enjoying myself. The football is good, there are a lot of very good players at The Dell, and Southampton are a team of the future. The boss is great, and everything is terrific now I'm away from Bremen."

As for the future, Watson is undecided. "I just want to carry on playing for as long as possible. I think I have another three or four years yet. A lot of people say I will be too old for the 1982 World Cup Finals, but although I will be 35 by then, I still feel I could be around for Spain."

"At the moment my main priority is to help England win the European Championship in Italy later this year. Obviously it will be very tough, something like a mini-World Cup, but I think we stand a very good chance."

to Manchester City would have been ideal, but with Malcolm Allison in charge it was out of the question.

"I knew nothing of Southampton's interest, and didn't really meet them until it came to signing the contract. The deal was carried out through agents, but I jumped at the opportunity to get away from Werder Bremen, the worst club I have ever come across."

"I knew Lawrie McMenemy from my time at Rotherham. He was manager of nearby Doncaster, and our paths had often crossed. I had always liked and admired him, and as soon as the Southampton deal

"Whether I will finish my career at Southampton I just don't know. I have no plans for retirement just yet, but at the moment I don't fancy going into management or coaching."

His main concern away from the game is a business which Dave runs with his friend Tom Whitaker. They arrange business contracts for companies in a matter of weeks instead of the months it usually takes.

"The whole business has been built up through contacts I have made within the game. I owe football a hell of a lot."

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Nottingham Forest played which Spanish club in the European Super Cup recently?

2. Ian Greaves (right) became the first, second or third managerial casualty of the year in the Football League when he was sacked by Bolton Wanderers?

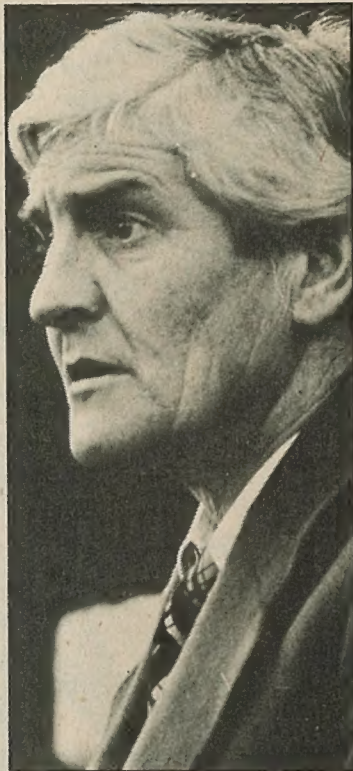
3. Manchester United played Hajduk Split in a friendly in Yugoslavia and lost 4-0, 5-0 or 6-0?

4. Which First Division club has asked the pop group, Wings, to perform two concerts at their ground to help boost their finances?

5. Arsenal will play a round-robin competition with three other clubs in America. Roma (Italy) and Vancouver Whitecaps are two... can you name the other?

6. Former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks recently became manager of Telford United, Tooting and Mitcham or Trowbridge?

7. West Brom's Bryan Robson, Gary Owen or Cyrille Regis (below) was the only uncapped player named in Ron Greenwood's original European Championship squad for the game against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley?



8. Who was recalled to the Scotland party as captain for their European Championship game at Hampden against Portugal before it was postponed?

9. Terry Austin has been scoring regularly for which Third Division club this season?

10. Which of these players — Bobby Clark (Aberdeen), Erich Schaedler (Dundee) or Billy Thompson (St. Mirren) is not a goalkeeper?

F.A. CUP

The F.A. Cup Fourth Round was played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

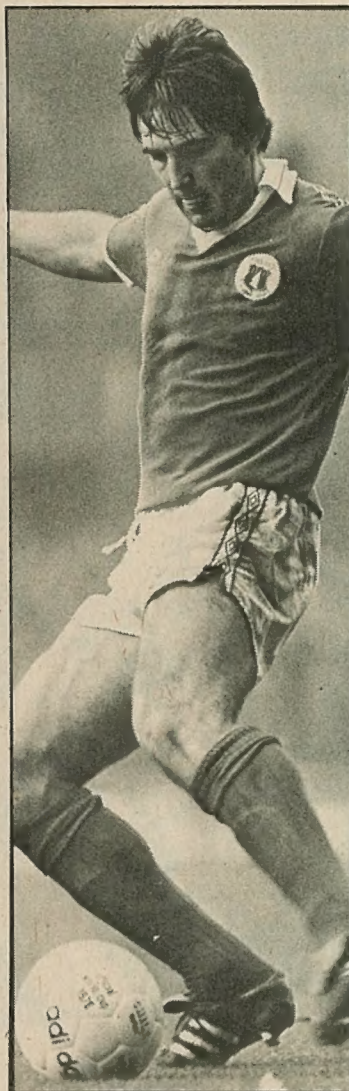
11. Watford beat non-League Harlow Town 2-1, 3-2 or 4-3 in a thriller at Vicarage Road?

12. Brian Kidd, Bob Latchford (below) or Joe McBride was sent-off at Goodison Park against Fourth Division Wigan Athletic?

13. Third Division Blackburn Rovers knocked out Coventry City at Ewood Park. Did Andy Crawford score the only goal in the first or second-half?

14. Who scored Ipswich Town's winning goal in their 2-1 victory at Bristol City?

15. Who scored both Tottenham goals in their 2-1 replay defeat of Third Division Swindon Town?



ANSWERS

Armstrong.
First 14. Paul Mariner. 15. Gerry Schaedler. 11. 4-3. 12. Kidd. 13. Gemmill. 9. Mansfield. 10. Telford. 7. Robson. 8. Archie Bristol City. 5. Cosmos. 6. Barcelona. 2. First 3. 6-0. 4.

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Flashback to one of Eddie Gray's most memorable games... the 1970 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley against Chelsea. Yet Leeds could only draw 2-2 and were beaten in the replay.



EDDIE Gray, one of the most skilful wingers Scotland has produced, admitted that the reason he is playing the best football of his career is because he's been operating this season in his favourite position — midfield.

The Leeds United star, who was 32 in January and capped 12 times, explained: "I always had a touch of envy when Johnny Giles was dominating the midfield during those glorious years in the 60's

away, I try to slow the play down." Eddie Gray's consistently solid displays have been one of the few bright aspects of United's up-and-down form this season.

At the start of the campaign — his 17th at Elland Road — the pleasant Glaswegian looked as though he was surplus to requirements. He did not seem to figure in manager Jimmy Adamson's plans.

But there was no bitterness, no resentment on the player's part. "I

knew I'd come in useful again!"

Adamson is unstinting in his praise for Gray. "I only wish I had another Eddie Gray coming along," he says. "He's the perfect team man and must be the most pleasant chap in the game."

"Besides being a skilful, inventive footballer he exerts a tremendous influence on the youngsters around him. He never stops encouraging them while the game's in progress. He talks them through the match."

Now every game is a bonus for Gray, whose career seemed to be shattered five years ago when he was told by specialists that he would never play again.

He recalls: "The insurance issue was all but settled and I'd started coaching the youth team at Elland Road. I was resigned to premature retirement."

"Then Jimmy Armfield, United's manager at the time, met a specialist who advised him to get me to make one final attempt to see if I could beat the injury."

"I'd had three operations, apparently failures, so I wasn't very optimistic. But I played in a few reserve games without too much pain and gradually my confidence returned and the limb got stronger. It was a miracle."

So Eddie Gray, whose display cabinet at his luxury bungalow near Harrogate is stacked with medals collected during the Leeds glory years, has had the last laugh over Brian Clough.

Clough, prompted by Gray's injury record, suggested during his 44-day spell as Leeds manager, "If you were a horse, Eddie, I'd have you shot!"

Gray has answered that jibe in the best possible way this season and is looking forward to a Leeds revival.

"I want to be part of the future," he insists. "I've a few seasons left in me and the way youngsters like goalkeeper John Lukic (19), striker Terry Connor (17) and midfield player Gary Hamson (20) are playing convinces me the good times are not far away."

EDDIE GRAY the miracle-man of Leeds

and early 70's when Leeds were one of the most feared teams in Europe.

"But Johnny was unique, one of the all-time greats, and I was happy to learn from him. He was a master at finding space."

"In those days, of course, I was identified as an out-and-out winger. But that was because of circumstances. Don Revie had Johnny, Billy Bremner and Paul Madeley in midfield so I was left in the wings as it were."

"Nowadays, of course, I'm operating in midfield and enjoying every minute of it. I love the involvement. There's always something going on."

"I don't take people on as much as I used to, but then you can't in midfield, it's too cluttered."

"Obviously I can't run around quite as much as I did a decade ago so I let the youngsters do that for me."

"My job is to create and, if there's a lot of pressure on us, particularly when we're playing

knew I was worth my place and was prepared to bide my time until the boss had a change of heart," says Gray, who picked up a £28,000 testimonial cheque last season.

"The club and its supporters mean a lot to me so there was no chance of me sulking because of being left out."

The inevitable happened after Arsenal thrashed Leeds 7-0 in a League Cup match at Highbury in September. Four days later he was called into a struggling side and he's been a dominant force ever since.

Eddie, who made his Leeds debut as a 19-year-old on New Year's Day, 1966, scoring the goal that earned his team a 1-1 draw against Sheffield Wednesday, sympathised with Adamson's position.

He explains: "The boss had signed new players and naturally had his own ideas which he wanted to put into practice. That's reasonable for a manager. But I

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Colin McAdam
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:
Aberdeen's Joe Harper
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Wales v
Scotland, World Cup qualifying game in
1977
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the League
Cup with Thistle in 1972 and qualifying
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